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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

GRATEFUL NEGROES THANK PRESIDENT TAFT

FOR CONFIDENCE IN DR. WASHINGTON

W. H. Lewis is Assistant Attorney-General—The Plans of the National Medical Association Announced by Dr. Curtis.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—No single incident in the career of President Taft has won for him such hearty encomiums at the hands of the Negroes of the country as his strong, generous and unequivocal letter of last Tuesday, expressing his confidence in the integrity and moral restitude of Dr. Booker T. Washington, following the brutal assault upon the eminent educator in New York City. Here and throughout the land nothing but praise is heard touching the fine courage of the chief executive, who, without solictation on the part of Dr. Washington or his friends, and in the face of possible criticism from prejudiced sources, sends to the Tuskegean a message of cheer that settled for all time the question as to whether the untoward episode in the national metropolis would impair the usefulness of the Negro's foremost character. Not only has the "Wizard" suffered no loss of prestige, but the prompt ralyy to his support on the part of the republic's most influential citizens, official and otherwise, representing the wealth, culture and commercial strength of the nation, has given evidence of his hold upon the confidence and esteem of the people, as nothing else could have done. The race will have no hesitancy in the future in accepting the leadership of a man who has, in the face of the foulest conspiracy ever hatched by a "yellow press" against an innocent man, won the open and militant approval of such substantial forces of civilization as ex-Mayor Seth Low, Andrew Carnegie, George Foster Peabody, George McAneny, John D. Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff, William Jay Schieffelin, and others of like caliber, besides the earnest support of the vital factors of his own people, who left their various fields of labor in New York City to lend their assistance in putting the enemy to rout. The big meetings in New York City and Boston, addressed by the race's best citizenry, ministers and prelates, were significant of the deep interest felt in the preservation of the Negro's greatest chieftain.

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Delegation Thanks President Taft.

In happy accord with "the eternal fitness of things," a delegation of prominent colored men of the District waited on President Taft on last Wednesday and thanked him in enthusiastic terms for his splendid letter in Dr. Washington's behalf. The party was headed by Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury, and Hon. Whitefield McKinlay, Collector of the port at Georgetown, D. C. The party included Mr. James A. Cobb, Assistant United States District Attorney; Hon. Cyrus Field Adams, Assistant Register of the Treasury, and others. The President was visibly impressed with the sincerity of the spokesmen, and replied in a vein which left no doubt as to the positiveness of his attitude toward the "Wizard" and the race with which the party was identified. The Taft leter has an unusually wide circulation, and its exact wording has been indelibly burned into the mind of every Negro between the oceans. Yet, for the sake of emphasis, it may not be out of place to reproduce the document here:

The President's Ringing Letter of Confidence.

The White House,
Washington, March 21, 1911.

My Dear Dr. Washington:

I am greatly distressed at your misfortune and I hasten to write you of my sympathy, my hope that you will soon recover from the wounds inflicted by insane suspicion or viciousness, and of my confidence in you, in your integrity and morality of character, and in your high usefulness to your race and to all the people of this country.

It would be a nation's loss if this untoward incident in any way impaired your great power for good in the solution of one of the most difficult problems before us.

I want you to know that your friends are standing by you in every trial and that I am proud to subscribe myself

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Dr. Booker T. Washington,
Hotel Manhattan, New York City.

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It Is Now "Assistant Attorney-General Lewis."

After a season of patient waiting, William Henry Lewis, of Boston, is Assistant Attorney-General of the United States. He was sworn in Monday, and after calling upon President Taft, returned to his office in the Bond Building and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties. He has been assigned to Indian depredation cases. His familiarity with the methods of the Department of Justice will render this work comparatively easy, and he is already at home in his new surroundings. He has made a highly favorable impression upon his official associates and his administration starts out under very agreeable auspices—in all respects, save one; that is, Mr. Lewis will draw no salary until he is confirmed. This, however, is a mere matter of detail. The President is at he back of the new Assistant Attorney-General, and there will be little delay, if any, in securing his confirmation, after which, a special bill covering his back salary will be speedily passed by Congress. Mr. Lewis thoroughly understands the situation and has no fear of a failure of the program. He resigned the post of Assistant United States District Attorney at Boston, with full knowledge of the conditions he would be called upon to face. For the present, Mr. Lewis' family will remain in Boston. He is making his home temporarily with Dr. and Mrs. John R. Francis, at 2112 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest.

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No Trouble at the Register's Office.

There is nothing in the report that there is trouble at the office of the Register of the Treasury. In consonance with the recommendation of the commission that has been engaged for months upon the work of re-arranging and consolidating the various divisions of the Treasury Department, in the interest of convenience and economy, a certain branch of the Register's office has been incorporated with another branch, and a division heretofore located elsewhere, has become a part of the Register's entourage. The change was not made with any view of reducing the prestige of Mr. Napier's office, and there is no color aspect to the case. A considerable reduction is made in the number of employees in the Register's branch, but this will be true of all of the branches before the commission is through with its labors. As it is, Mr. Napier has over fifty persons under him and there is no difference in the dignity of his position or in the salary, as against the conditions that have prevailed dheretofore. There is absolutely no truth in the assertion that Mr. Napier is dissatisfied to the point of carrying the matter to the President, and his possible resignation has not been hinted at in any reputable quarter. The sensational rumor carried in a local sheet is simply one of those "mare's nests" that papers of this type are wont to publish to arouse gossip and to magnify their importance. Mr. Napier has no part nor parcel with such false reports and does not approve of the antics of superserviceable "defenders." There is nothing that looks like "trouble" at the Register's office.

Plans of the National Medical Association.

There will be held in Paris, France, this coming June the annual meeting of the International Medical Association for the Prevention of War. Dr. A. M. Curtis, president of the National Medical Association, has been in correspondence with officers of that association, and has been asked to appoint six delegates to represent the N. M. A. at that meeting. Acting upon this invitation, he has selected six members whom he feels will be a credit, not only to the National Medical Association, but will reflect honor upon the whole race. He has selected those whom he feels are amply able to go and who will make the trip. Dr. Curtis is not inclined, however, to make public the names of the delegates chosen until their credentials have been forwarded to him.

The various countries will send personal representatives, and it is hoped by the medical fraternity generally that the President of the N. M. A. may be appointed as one of the representatives of the United States Government.

Dr. Curtis has appointed the program committee for the ensuing year. It will be the duty of this committee to arrange for the scientific papers for the next annual meeting, which is to be held the latter part of August at Hampton, Va. This committee will consist of Dr. J. W. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lassiter, of Newport News, Va.; and Dr. John A. Kenney, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Substantial progress is being made for the coming session. The various local committees are hard at work, and the President is assured dby those in charge of the preparations that he will preside over one of the best sessions in the history of the N. M. A.

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Resignations at Howard University.

The community was not a little surprised to learn a few days ago, that Prof. T. Montgomery Gregory, instructor in English, and Prof. F. B. Washington, instructor in German, had resigned their chairs at Howard University. Both are young and promising educators, and it was not doubted that they would have a long tenure of useful service at this great institution. Although rumor has it that the young men have been lacking in discretion, they have not attempted to evade the responsibility by falsehood, and the more serious allegations have not been supported by any reliable evidence. The friends of Messrs. Gregory and Washington make no concealment of their feeling that the young men have been dealt with too harshly and an effort is being made to have the Board of Trustees reconsider the acceptance of their resignation. Attorney James A. Cobb, representing Gregory and Washington, has secured a continuance of the investigation until Saturday night, April 1, at which time the case will be finally disposed of. The hope is freely expressed that President Thirkield will experience a change of heart and that, when the facts are fully brought out he will recommend that they be given another chance at the profession to which they wish to devote their lives. Mr. Gregory is a graduate of Harvard, and Mr. Washington comes from Tufts College, Mass. Both are of exceleint families, and their retirement from Howard University under what seems to be a cloud, would cause their parents untold anguish, especially as great sacrifices have been made to equip them for honorable careers in the educational world.

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Dr. J. S. Jackson for the Zion Bishopric.

An unprecedented honor in ecclesiastical annals has been conferred upon Dr. J. S. Jackson, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion church. At a single meeting this eminent divine was endorsed for the bench of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion connection by seven annual conferences and by the trustees of the Lomax and Hannon High School. This great meeting took place at Birmingham, Ala., March 15, and was attended by delegates from nearly every section of the South and representing the most progressive and intelligent congregations in that portion of the country.

Bishop J. W. Alstork presided over the body, and his eloquent tribute to Dr. Jackson as a financier, pospel preacher and public-spirted citizen, started a wave of enthusiasm that made the session one of life and animation throughout. A resolution favoring Dr. Jackson as the choice of the united confernces was introduced by Rev. W. M. McGee, presiding elder of the South Mississippi conference. Dr. W. A. Blackwell, pastor of the Old Ship A. M. E. Zion church, Montgomery, Ala., made the motion to adopt the resolution, and Dr. W. L. Hamblin, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., seconded the same, and the vote was unaimously affirmative. The following are the names of the conferences and a partial list of the endorsers:

North Alabama Conference—Revs. H. R. Gaines, J. F. Fitzpatrick, P. E., J. H. Hall, P. E., H. B. Wells, P. E., N. D. Crawford, and N. R. Rhodes.

Alabama Conference—Revs. J. C. Laremore, P. E., and D. W. Wright, P. E.

Georgia Conference—Rev. N. S. Harris.

South Florida Conference—Rev. W. W. Blair, P. E.

Florida Conference—Rev. J. C. Lee, P. E.

South Mississippi Conference—Revs. L. Mitchell, P. E., B. L. Stanton, J. S. Lott, and William M. McGee, P. E.

Central Alabama Conference—Revs. A. S. Watkins, P. E., F. H. Cummings, A. B. Finley, P. E., W. S. Meadows, P. E., L. D. Workman, P. E., E. M. Rankins, P. E., and many other pastors and laymen in all of the conferences enumerated.

It is a foregone conclusion, according to the best advices from every section of the country, that Dr. Jackson will be elected to the Bishopric on the first ballot. The connection is practically a unit for him, and his elevation to the Bench is not only in line with the precedents that have been followedd from time immemorial with reference to the promotion of the financial secretary, but it will be a richly-merited reward for the faithful services of the most successful secretary the church has ever had. There is nothing in the effort set on foot by one or two persons in Zion to prevent the election of any Bishops at Charlotte next year. If ten Bishops were needed in 1908, ten Bishops are needed now, even in a more pressing degree, because the church has enjoyed a phenomenal growth in the past two years, and our older prelates are more advanced in years. Instead of an agitation looking to the election of no Bishops, the General Conference would make no mistake if it elected three or four.

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Prof. L. B. Moore Talks About "Teachers."

Prof. L. B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers' College at Howard University, delivered an unusually able and interesting address on "The Moral and Intellectual Qualifications of a Teacher," at the monthly meeting of the Home and School Association Friday evening at the Sumner school building, 17th andd M streets, northwest. A large audience of teachers, parents and students was present and applauded the salient points of the splendid lecture. Prof. Moore said the teacher must stimulate enthusiasm in the children for the love of knowledge and should be a moral example in and out of the schoolroom. Teachers must be unselfish, pairstaking, sympathetic and make their profession a life work, rather than merely a means to an end. Careful preparation is a prime essential in an educator.

"The art of good teaching," said Prof. Moore, "is what Joseph Jefferson said is the art of good acting—'to do it every time as though it were the first time.'"

The Home and School Association is designed to bring into closer touch the three elements that must unite in the successful working out of our educational problems—the teacher, parent and student—and its labors are bearing fruit. Dr. Lucy E. Moten, principal of Normal School No. 2 is deeply interested in building up the Association and she has surrounded herself with a corps of loyal and willing assistants. Profitable features of this meeting were the supplementary talks of Dr. I. N. Ross, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and Mr. L. M. Hershaw, and the musical numbers rendered by Miss Elsie Brown, Miss Celestine Lott and Mr. I. O. Westmoreland. Miss Lott won hearty applause by playing the famous sextet from "Lucia" with the left hand only. The officers of the Home and School Association are: President, Dr. C. W. Childs; vice-president, L. M. Hershaw; corresponding secretary, R. W. Thompson; recording secretary, C. M. Thomas; treasurer, George D. Jenifer; chairman of the Advisory Council, Dr. Lucy E. Moten.

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The News in Brief.

Mr. W. H. O. Ennis, a prominent business man of Delaware City, Del., spent a few days in the city this week. He held several important conferences at the capitol with Senator H. A. DuPont, Congressman W. H. Heald, and other well-known leaders in the political life of the State of Delaware. Mr. Ennis is the largest dealer in ice in his community and supplies the city government with this necessary product. Mr. Ennis was the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Henry. A younger daughter, Miss Mary Frances, is a student in the college department of Howard University.

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At the April meeting of the Mu-So-Lit Club, R. W. Thompson will deliver an address, entitled "Negro Journalism Under the X-Ray." A display of many of the race papers of the country will be a prominent feature of the occasion. Dr. Gray describes the meeting as "A Journalistic Clinic."

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Attorney L. G. Gregory sailed from New York Saturday for a ten weeks' journey to Egypt and the Holy Land to study at close range biblical history and to learn more of the Bahai religion, of which he is the chief exponent among the colored people of this vicinity.

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The spring reception of the Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University will be held at Odd Felolws' Hall on Tuesday evening, April 18.

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Israel Baptist church will observe the anniversary of the emancipation of the slaves in the District of Columbia on the evening of the 17th of April. R. W. Thompson will be the speaker of the occasion. Rev. J. H. Burke is pastor of Israel church.

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Leroy C. Morris, who came to Washington many years ago, securing a clerkship in the Pension office long before the era of civil service system now in vogue, is living at Berwyn, a Maryland suburb, where he has purchased a beautiful homestead.

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Coll. Judson W. Lyons is now in Augusta, Ga., but will return to open another vigirous campaign for the passage of the bill to reimburse the depositors of the Freedmen's bank.

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Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson denies that he is the author of editorials published in the Atlanta Independent criticising the appointment of Register Napier. He says the paper stating such to be a fact is grossly in error.

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There is comparative peace in the public schools of the District.

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Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, is in a "peck of trouble" because of the escape of a bunch of crazy folks and charges of cruel and inhuman conduct on the part of the attendants, and other things equally as bad. The colored people do not care what happens to Dr. White, since he weakened on the lecture proposition, yielding to the prejudices of a set of cads, whose "social standing" would not stand the strain of listening to lectures in the same room with students from the medical department of Howard University. "It's a long lane that has no turn."

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The "Indiana Club" is making commendab'e progress toward a compact organization. It may not draw party lines, but will probably sustain itself through the cohesive power of state pride, allowing each member to choose for himself the political line upon which he will work.

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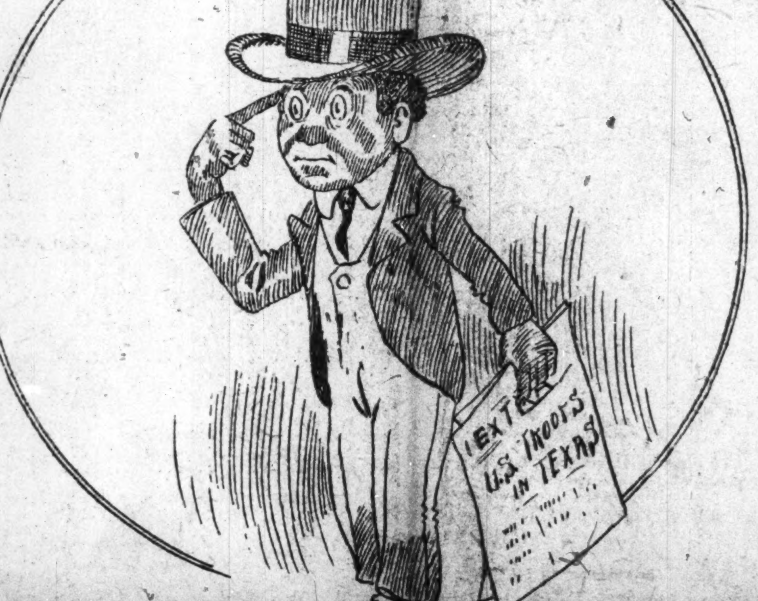
Following the wedding of Mr. Al F. Watts and Miss Estelle Cash on the stage of the Howard theater last Tuesday evening, a reception in their honor was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Henson, 645 Florida avenue, N. W. The associates of the happy couple in the Black Patti company were present.

R. W. THOMPSON.

A FAMILIAR SOUND



Texas, Texas--Oh yes, Brownsville.

DALLAS LID OFF TO VOTERS

COLORED VOTERS HOLD MEETINGS OF INTEREST

ORGANIZED TO BETTER THE CONDITION

Of the Negro—Knights of Pythias And Courts of Calanthe Hold Thanksgiving Services—Notes of General Interest.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

DALLAS, Tex.—Colored voters and taxpayers meetings rout the ward heelers and shister politicians that have heretofore been a great factor in keeping the laboring and working class of men in the background on public affairs. But this time they would not listen to the so-called bosses and came to the front and organized to help better the Negroes conditions among the masses and not the classes. It now looks like their efforts in this short time are to be crowned with some success, which will help all the people all the time. A few of the club's demands to the various men who are asking one and all to support them Tuesday, April 4th: The merit system in all the schools; appointment of colored teachers; no discrimination in the matter of city work; special officers of our own race at resorts, etc, owned and operated by colored people; see that the lewd women of the race be made to respect the laws while in public and private places same as other women do; further improvement of streets, sidewalks, lights in sections of the city occupied almost exclusively by colored people. The word is on the lips of many here and there and at the club headquarters things are looking rosy. This has been a week of speechmaking. Everywhere the advisory board has reported its findings, and the men are ready to battle with their pencils at the polls all day Tuesday, the 4th. But don't forget the voting on the school bond issue recommended by the board while scratching Tuesday....The cleaning up and rains make it pleasant enough....The Knights and Courts looked charming at Bethel, but O you 4 and 15 uniform companies and commanders was the ringing words by some of the fair sex Sunday....If the merit system in the future be applied to the colored teacher body you will see some new faces on several of the campuses of the old city, which should be in the line of duty, but don't start something that you can't make good at. We have had too many grandstand plays about these things. Come on out some of you wise ones. It will be news to the outside public. Anything that makes the so-called society here bristle shocks the public to an emergency which calls for the ambulance in a hurry. Enough said at this time....Mrs. George W. Smith has Contractor Carson busy on improving her residence on Cochran street....H. M. Tarbutton, operator at the Model, sends regards to B. F. Lowe, of Corsicana....The remains of Effie Smith, who got hurt in a wreck, were shipped from Marshall here and was laid to rest by relatives and friends....Don't let a small dime stand between you and weeks of comfort while sick, and assistance when dead. Performers and others of the race, don't wait too long. It will be too late if caught unexpectedly....The members and friends of Macedonia Baptist church will entertain all comers to a testimonial banquet in honor of their pastor, Dr. A. C. Capers, on April 8....Fast of Belshazer on the 11th of April at New Hope, by a company of competent players....St. Paul M. E. church, corner Buford and Juliett streets, Dr. N. J. Johnson pastor, is planning a cornerstone laying of their new edifice early in April. All are invited....When will the colored men learn to oppose each other without getting personal over the white man's affairs....Mr. Jack Bagsby, of Pride of the West No. 12, is a power behind the throne in the ranks of Pythianism when it comes to doing things in an ordinary way without the usual red tape to it....Hon. W. H. Griggs has been appointed notary public by Gov. Colquitt. His office is in the S. M. & T. building, 2415½ Elm street....April 9th and 10th will be observed as Taborian anniversary days. Services will be held at Fair Park Auditorium. All Tabor temples anl tabernacles will participate....The baseball fans are making inquiries about a team to represent Dallas on the diamond the coming summer. From all reports there is no effort on foot yet to put a team out yet....Just think of it—something over 1,200 colored poll tax voters in the city to vote in the coming election.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Williams Jubilee Singers gave two performances to crowded house 20-21, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. They proved meritorious as classic entertainers and judging from vociferous applause given them, they have adedd the eulogy of the amusement seekers of Los Angeles to their list....At the A. M. E. church Sunday evening many were turned away, while the capacity of that spagious edifice was thoroughly attested by the throng that clamored to witness the musical. Prof. Bynum and choir are dedserving of the highest compliments, also Rev. Peck, who put aside conventionalities and allowed the audience a round of applause....Tuskegee students in this city have organized a club and are exhibiting quite an influence throughout the city. The officers are as follows: J. H. Stevens, president; Wm. Payne, vice president; Miss Rosa McCoo, recording secretary; Miss Hattie Tucker, corresponding secretary. Students coming to Los Angeles will be welcomed to the club....The big noise, ex-President Roosevelt, is in town, but deals sparingly with the big stick. His address to the white Y. M. C. A. was good advice as to the deportment of that body toward the California branch to which, he insists, that if they are to reach the airiest ridges of perfection, they must also inculcate and make things possible for their colored brethren. In the language of Teddy, it was a bully speech....Strangers coming to Los Angeles for the purpose of locating first visit the Afro-American council office or Y. M. C. A. for helpful information....Get the Freeman from J. G. Eggleston, 812 Maple Ave.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

By George Slaughter

Mrs. Lizzie Connor, of Ripley, O., who was visiting Mrs. Lizzie Arnold a few weeks ago, died at her home Tuesday, March 21st. Mrs. Arnold has left to attend the funeral. Mrs. Connor was known here best by the name of Lizzie Gale.

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The Blue Grass Restaurant solicits your patronage. Robert Elegan, prop., 1017 W. Walnut street.

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U. S. Aid Club held their regular monthly meeting March 13th, at their hall, 433 S. 16th street, and elected the yearly officers as follows: James Ransome, president; James Ditto, vice president; James Kenney, treasurer; E. J. Carlisle, financial secretary; William Fairfax, chairman of finance committee; Vincent Offit, sergeant-at-arms; Joe McCarty, marshal. Mr. Harvey Kirk has been succeeded by Mr. James Ransome as president of U. S. Aid Club. Mr. Kirk made a good record as president and the club appreciated his service in building up the club to its present standing.

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Mr. Jesse Kiser and Mr. Arthur Sugarfoot are doing great business at 1133 W. Walnut street in their tonsorial parlors, also selling the Freeman. Their calls for the Freeman increases every week.

THE BIG EVENT— SIX-DAY RACE

Dan O'Leary's Walkfest Begins April 3, at Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—Twenty [illegible] of the greatest walkers and runners ever in competition will start Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the six-day competition in Tomlinson hall. Dan O'Leary, promoting the race, announces that every detail has been completed.

Among the crack teams are Smallwood, runner, and Hughey Bruce, walker. Smallwood is the Pittsburg runner who has beaten Hayes and Durando. Bruce is a walker and is Irish. Pat Dineen, the great Boston Marathoner, will run team with Willis Hoaglandd, the Albany, N. Y., pedestrian. Charles Caustin, walker, of St. Charles, Minn., will team with Alexander Tebeau, champion runner of France, while David Bennett, champion runner of Canada, will team with a Cuban walker.

Monday night, as a special feature, O'Leary will meet the father of Caustin, who is entered in the six-day event. The veterans will walk one mile. They raced in 1881, O'Leary winning.

Tuesday night, out of fifty-five entered amateur runners, twenty will start in a five-mile race. There will be three prizes, a gold watch, a goblet and a silver cup.

To the winners of the six-day events a handsome diamond and gold medals will be awarded, besides the monetary prizes. There will be six money prizes, as follows: $500, $250, $125, $75, $50 and $25. In addition there will be $420 in prize awarded to the walker and runner doing the best work each day, $20 for first, $15 for second and $10 for third. Henry O. Messier, of Milwaukee, will be the official scorer.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AMONG SOCIETY PEOPLE IN STARKVILLE, MISS.

Mrs. Mell Davis, after spending several days with mother and friends, made her departure for Greenwood, Miss, last Sunday morning....Mr. J. K. Keil, stockholder in the Mound Bayou Oil Mill and Mfg. Co., made a trip there on the 13th to be present at the annual business meeting....Mrs. Dora Glenn of Gillespie street is on the sick list....Miss Girlee White, after spending a few weeks in Meridian, returned after an enjoyable stay....The young men of our city gave a supper on Thursday and Friday nights of March 16th and 17th, for the purpose of raising funds to organize a brass band. They had success. Everybody seems to be very liberal in spending to help push the young men forward in their effort....F. F. Blanckford, a land governor, was in our city over Monday and was the guest of Mrs. Henry Wynn on Vine street....Rev. Rosie Boyce and James Coleman departed Wednesday, March 14th, for Jackson, Tenn....When you want good baking powder and groceries see W. F. Daily. Hygienic Pet is the best....Mr. B. T. Robb departed on the 13th for Mound Bayou, Miss., and returned on the 17th....The Freeman can be found every Saturday at W. F. Daily store....Uncle Poland Harris was buried at Dr. Rice plantation on Monday, March 20th. We are always sorry to see our good old citizens die, but that is one debt we have all got to pay, so the best thing for us to do is get ready....Fresh fish can be found every Friday and Saturday at N. F. Daily....The remains of brother Ben Chiles was buried at sixteen section on Tuesday. A large number of town and country citizens was present. The funeral was attended by Rev. J. D. Zuber and Rev. York Powers, of West Point, Miss....Rev. State is reported to be improving in health. His faithful members are very anxious for him to gain his health.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Josephine Geeter and little daughter, of Jacksonville, Ill., are having a very pleasant stay, visiting the former's father, mother and friends.

DELHI, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Dr. Ewell addressed a large audience yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock ate the First Baptist church on the subject, "Christianity and Socialism"....The Baptist church is doing much goodd. Rev. Geo. Lewis, pastor....The Freeman correspondent will be here each Sunday. Look for him....Leave your news items at Cy Murphy's, stop 16....Rev. R. Neal of Siketon, visited in Delhi Sunday.

Constipation

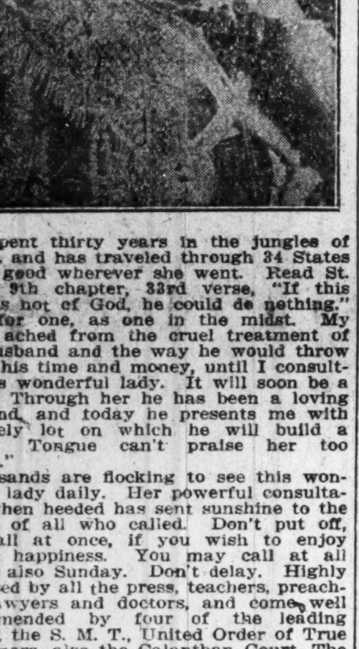
"For over nine years I suffered with chronic constipation and during this time I had to take an injection of warm water once every 24 hours before I could have an action on my bowels. Happily I tried Cascarets, and today I am a well man. During the nine years before I used Cascarets I suffered untold misery with internal piles. Thanks to you, I am free from all that this morning. You can use this in behalf of suffering humanity. B. F. Fisher, Roanoke, Ill.

Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good. Do Good. Never Sicken, Weaken or Gripe. 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C C C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. 930

MADAM McNAIRDEE

The Talented Clairvoyant

The gifted clairvoyant, the great female wonder, born wit hthe double (caul) veil. She is one of the old ancient Southern Clairvoyants of New Orleans. She is a living phrenologist and physiogomist. She tells plainly what you are adapted for in life by reading your brain and mind. With a grasp of her hand she gives you a course of influence to enable you to overcome all bad luck. She has made thousands of homes happy. Read the fifth chapter, 9th verse of St. Matthews: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." She reunites the separated, makes peace where there is confusion. Your husband or wife or sweetheart will never forsake you, but will love you and marry you sooner if you will only heed this lady's consultation. Read what several ladies of your city say. "Yes, we believe her a Godsend to us. My husband and I separated over a year ago, and just think, since I called on this lady, he returned to me. We are together and happy." This young lady says: The one I loved refused to call or write me. I called on this lady and we are now engaged. You can't afford to miss consulting this gifted lady. She is gifted to read characters. She challenges the world to excel her advice on love, losses, business, family and financial troubles. Reunites the separated, causes speedy marriages with one of your choice. No cards allowed in her place of business. No one's ill wishes filled; strictly a Christian lady and depends entirely on her heavenly gift. If you are painful or ailing, think you have been witchcrafted, go to see her.



She spent thirty years in the jungles of Africa and has traveled through 34 States doing good wherever she went. Read St. John, 9th chapter, 33rd verse, "If this man is not of God, he could do nothing."

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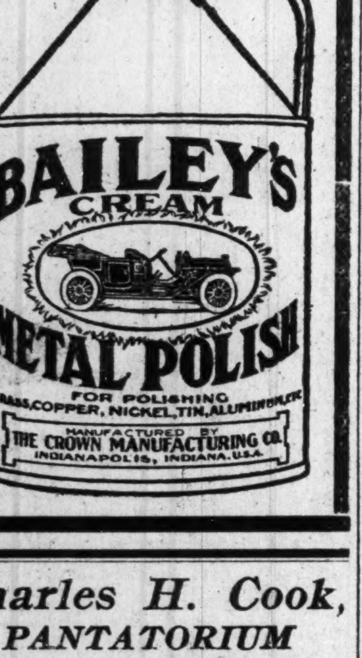
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A. M. E. CHURCH IN CHICAGO

The Men, the Societies, the Activities Frankly and Honestly Discussed.

(John M. Henderson, D. D.)

The race has so far developed that you can no longer name an individual and thereby describe a community. Among the blind, the man with one eye can easily be king; in a corn field an oak tree, however scrub-like, easily towers; but in a forest of giants, only the tree of surpassing growth stands majestic.

A man may be great in a little rural district, town or city, and yet be a pigmy when among the men of the great world. The day has passed when the A. M. E. Church will accept as final the estimate of a man placed upon him by the circumscribed little world in which he lives and moves. To be great, a man must be torn from his province and stood up side by side with the tall men of the great world.

I am going to be very careful in this series of articles, because I hope, without the use of name or index finger, to present to the A. M. E. Church a man whom the church, the race, the nation and the world needs in the episcopate.

To prevent the election of four more bishops, there is no way open except to resort to rotation and brave its dangers. Should it obtain, farewell to the chance of the honest man to ever reach the front. It is bad enough as it is, and the church is too wise to make it worse. To continue the present system and elect four more bishops and retire two is what will likely be done.

There is not one single individual in all the vast field of the A. M. E. Church who stands out in bold relief and appeals to the connectional eye. Like Samuel, the next General Conference must go forth upon a quest which will bring much that will surprise. Many likely sons may pass unapproved, and it may be said, "Are here all thy children?" and the answer may be, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." The word of command may be, "Send and fetch him, for we will not sit down until he cometh hither."

I have had the chance to give several weeks to the first real vacation of twenty-nine years, and I have put in the time making a study of our church and our people at Chicago. Part of the time I have spent in hospitals and midnight missions and places of amusement—amusement such as draws hundreds from our churches—some of the time at the leading churches of the other race, and under conditions where I could get a fair glimpse of the candid opinion the world holds of our churches and men and race.

I wish to give the number of A. M. E. Churches within the city of Chicago, their numerical strength, the seating capacity, the indebtedness, the Sunday school work carried on by them, the salary of the pastors, etc., and then a brief discussion of the character of the people and the influence they seem to exert for the uplift of the people as a whole. I wish also to candidly discuss the pastors as relates to the work which they are doing, its quality and character, and then give a particular description of the few who loom up enough to be seen throughout the connection.

The Chicago presiding elder's district comprises all the churches within Chicago and a few of those so near as to be in all but boundary lines Chicago churches.

The following is the list of pastors and churches comprising the Chicago presiding elder's district, presided over by the Nestor of the conference, the Rev. Timothy Reeves. Among the men of whom I write, not one is neglecting his duty in order to enter the race for the episcopate. This seems to be at the present time true of the men of the entire conference. It is the first time it has been this way in twenty-five years.

Bishop H. B. Parks, at the Chicago Preachers' Meeting recently, said: "There are no men of strong character who at this hour can be pointed out as a candidate for the bishopric. God grant that it may be so that the General Conference, with Argus eye, can search the entire field and find and call forth the men the hour demands."

This preface because I am going to describe some men upon whom the searchlight will rest. I replied to Bishop Parks: "It is good for a few hundred of the kind of men you name to be where they can be seen when looked for."

I have no doubt that from various parts of the church others will do as I am doing, and will place men whose character, labor, worth and promise of fitness distinguish them where they can be seen and studied before May, 1912.

In writing of the Chicago men I want, before finishing, to tell the church of the stone-wall-like Rev. Jesse Woods, D. D.; of that marvel among pastors, Rev. Horace Graves, D. D.; of the pastor, preacher and publicant, the genial Dr. R. E. Wilson; of the well known Dr. W. D. Cooke, pastor of Quinn, and of a number of men of whom the connection is bound to know of their deeds before many years. I also want to talk of Dr. J. T. Jenifer, the noblest man of his type among us. I will have much to say of Dr. Timothy Reeves, P. E., and of the worth of calm and just Bishop C. T. Schaffer, M. D., D. D., but my first two articles deal with Dr. A. J. Carey and Dr. D. P. Roberts.

Each is known from one end of the church to the other—known in name and in a general way—but I have made a "behind-the-scenes" study of these two men, and in my latter days I will sustain my reputation of absolutely honest and fearless speech and writing by presenting them as I find them.

I know every Bishop and all the prominent men of every part of our church who have been on the stage since 1880, and I can form a fair judgment of men. I am not now an advocate of any man, but my position is that of an independent and rather severe critic, but honest, whose desire is to picture to the church away from here what I see in local environment and coloring. I will begin with Dr. A. J. Carey, because, in point of service, he is the senior of Dr. D. P. Roberts as a Chicago pastor, although in point of years he is much younger.

It must be kept in mind that Dr. B. F. Watson, secretary of the Church Extension Society, is a member of the Fourth Episcopal District; that he is a very popular ex-member of the Fifth; that he is held in high esteem throughout the First and is now in the Second District, and would without doubt be the favorite of each of these districts should he be placed among any likely number from whom a choice had to be made.

Dr. Carey is not a candidate for the episcopate, but because of his splendid record as a church financier, his friends will, no doubt, urge him for the post of financial secretary. What was his work in Georgia and Florida as a pastor, the brethren of these States can best tell. It is sufficient for present purposes to say that because of his work and fitness, Bishop B. W. Arnett selected him for the pastorate of Quinn Chapel, Chicago, which was at that time in terrible financial distress. During his pastorate of six years about $21,000 was paid on the indebtedness, the pastor's salary was raised from $16 per week to the princely amount of $1,800 per year, besides parsonage, etc.; the Dollar Money was placed at so high a mark that it staggered some of the oldest heads when reported—from $180 to $815; the congregation became immense, and the order of service and the method of work developed became models. He introduced the individual communion service, did away with the collection table parade and instituted the envelope-basket system. Dr. Carey was young and full of the fire of youth when he began his great task, and he was matured, strong and full of the masterly power of experience when he entered upon the pastorate of Bethel. That Bethel n woslightly outranks Quinn Chapel in the point of membership, assessments, etc., is a fact that came about since the administration of Dr. Carey ceased at Quinn. Dr. A. J. Carey, during his eleven years' pastorate of these two great churches, did not contentedly confine his labors to routine church work, but became acquainted with and entered heartily into the best activities of the community. He soon formed the acquaintance of the leading men and women of the city of both races, who take an interest in public affairs, and was thus able to not only raise thousands of dollars for the church, but also was able to do heroic service for the race in many ways.

It was largely through his efforts that interest was aroused and steps taken which prevented the extradition of Steve Green. This notable achievement is but one among scores of like character.

He takes part in politics, not as an office seeker nor as a hireling, but as an influential, wide-awake citizen, and as a race leader whose purpose it is to seek the welfare of his people. That he should become the object of criticism and envy upon the part of persons of a certain class is but natural, and that he should tower as a representative of African Methodism in this great city is a matter upon which the church and the race are to be congratulated.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Law and Order League and of the Advisory Board of the Anti-Saloon League. He has presided over Republican nominating conventions in this city.

During the great Peace Congress held in this city, it was through Dr. Carey that the only Afro-American on the program was given a place, and this was our own distinguished educator and orator, Prof. H. T. Kealing.

And at the great banquet held that evening in the gold room of the Auditorium Hotel, at which there were United States Cabinet officers and envoys from every nation on earth, Dr. and Mrs. Carey were the only representatives of the Negro race present.

When the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was celebrated in February, 1909, Dr. Carey was appointed by his honor, Mayor Fred A. Busse as the representative of his race on that committee, and given entire charge of the Afro-American part in the historic event. He planned and presided over the great meeting (one of the largest of our race in the history of the world), in which more than fifteen thousand people gathered in and around the Seventh Regiment Armory.

The complete story of this celebration is found in a volume of 500 pages, entitled, "Abraham Lincoln; The Tribute of a Century." In this volume both thee addresses of Dr. Carey (one "The Unfinished Task," the other, "The Other Side of the Question") are preserved along with fifty-eight other addresses by such eminent men as Governor Woodrow Wilson, United States Minister W. J. Calhoun and others. Col. Wm. McChesney, compiler of the work, declares that the two addresses of Dr. Carey were among the best delivered on that occasion, and selected as two out of the sixty selected from over 2,600 Lincoln Day addresses.

He is still a young man, of sound health, wonderful physique and magnetic presence. His appearance and voice have caused many white people to liken him to the widely and well known Dr. Gunsaulus. He is capable of performing vast tasks and is of great courage, calm in action, prompt and thorough in execution, faithful to the smallest detail, and always genial and kindly of spirit. Whatever may be said in criticism of the manner which he has of undertaking much more than the mere routine work of a pastorate, the fact is, he has thrived under the strain of his great labors. His habits of life are well regulated and sound, and he gives promise of many years of energy and power.

He is now pastor of the Institutional Church and is doing a great work in that all but abandoned field. I preached for him a few Sundays ago and was greeted by one of the finest congregations one could wish for. Lawyers, physicians, men and women of note in the community were present and seemed to be as good Methodists as the humblest of us. The Institutinoa Church can be developed into the greatest church of the race.

My next will present Dr. R. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel Church.

NEWS NOTES FROM COLUMBIA, S. C.

By Smythe Lomax.

The friends of Rev. G. F. Dillard will regret to learn of the death of his beloved wife, "Tina." She was a most lovable woman, and was well liked by all who knew her. She was the founder of the Young People's Christian Endeavor of this city. There were many floral tributes from the friends who sympathize with the bereaved family, and also a floral tribute from the organization of which she was the founder.... Boys' day was observed at Howard high school Friday, March 15. There was a large program rendered by the boys alone. King James I was the best imitation of Chaucer. The quartet by Pearson, Douglass, Pompey and Booker was the best feature on the program. Their rendition of the "Bull Frogs" was excellent. Prof. Thomas rendered several instrumental solos on the piano.... The Maceo Theater is featuring English, the great hoop roller, and Queen Dora, the serpentine dancer. They are playing to large houses nightly. Mr. A. S. Johnson knows how to treat people. He ought to, because he is a Sunday school superintendent, as well as a theater manager. Gertrude Williams and Carrie McGraw are featuring in their singing and dancing acts.... The baseball team of Benedict College was defeated by the score of 7 to 4 by the Chaflin University team.... Buy The Freeman from Smythe Lomax. It always contains all the latest news of the colored people. He is located at 1407 Assembly street.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., NEWS.

Special to The Freeman.

Last Sunday morning Dr. M. E. Davis, D. D., pastor of the Old Emmanuel A. M. E. Church, preached a forcible sermon from the subject, "Save the Saved." .... The 11:00 a. m. services at Zion Baptist Church last Sunday was well attended. Dr. J. M. Armsted, D. D., delivered a strong spiritual sermon.... Dr. C. C. Somerville, D. D., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, will address the K. of P. of this city Sunday, March 26. A special program has been arranged for the occasion.... Mrs. J. L. Brinkley, of Plainfield, N. J., was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Brinkley, of 2503 Effingham street, the past week.... The Freeman can be secured at 813 County street, and at 802 South street.... The musical entertainment at Ebenezer Baptist Church last Monday evening was well attended.... Mr. H. Page, of Effingham street, is able to be out on the streets again, after a short illness.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to The Freeman.

Bro. B. McCaine, pastor of the Methodict Episcopal church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, and was attended by the largest congregation our city ever recorded. Their annual conference will convene in this city Wednesday morning, March 22, at 9:30, and will remain in session until Monday morning. The people of Columbia are making preparation that this will be one of the greatest conferences ever held in central Missouri.... Bowman Estes, the pianist, has been confined to his home for several weeks, but at this writing he is convalescing.... Mr. William Mason has installed a four-chair combination porcelain white house antiseptic barber shop on Eighth street.... Rev. I. G. Penn, of Atlanta, Ga., will lecture Tuesday night at the M. E. church in the behalf of the Epworth league.... Miss Media Thomas underwent a successful operation at Parker's Memorial hospital.

DULUTH, MINN.

Happenings Among the Churches, Socities and Clubs.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken have gone to Chicago.... The Sewing Club met at the home of Mrs. Lillie Newsome, in West Duluth.... The Zenith Aid Society of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church, met at the residence of Mrs. H. L. Pittmen, 618 Fifth avenue, East.... Mr. and Mrs. Bonapart have returned to their home in St. Paul, Minn.... Mr. W. A. Porter, our enterprising grocer and confectioner, is preparing his ice cream and soda fountain dispensary for the coming season in the anticipation of the usual spring business. .... The many friends of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church are delighted to see Mrs. S. M. McNeil presiding at the organ once more after an absence of several years. The choir was without an organist, owing to the absence of members. Mrs. McNeil is one of Minnesota's best Afro-American entertainers, and is kind enough to offer her services for the advancement of others. She is one of the progressive ones who does not believe in hiding the light when it may help others to find the way.... The Appomattox Social Club was entertained Thursday evening by Miss Ethel McDonald at her home, 609 E. Sixth street. President Walter J. Posey called the meeting to order, and after the regular routine of business arrangements were completed for the Easter ball. The feature of the evening was cards.... Master Elmer Glenn, of 831 E. Fifth street, is recovering from a severe attack of throat trouble.... The Interstate Club met with Mrs. J. O. Mobly at her residence, 917 E. Sixth street. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jessie Williams, after which the program, consisting of instrumental music and songs, was rendered.... The Book Club met at the residence of Mrs. W. C. Fox Thursday afternoon.... Rev. Johnathan Brewer is ill with throat trouble. His pulpit at St. Mark's A. M. E. Church will be filled by Rev. Reed, of Superior, Wis.... Mr. J. O. Rodna met with a painful accident Wednesday, while putting on a roof on a building in the west part of the city. To save himself from falling three stories, he jumped to another part of the roof and was severely shaken up, and will be unable to be about for some time.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Please let me know through the columns of the Freeman: Does the Indianapolis College of Law, Pythian Bldg., admit colored students. They advertise very widely, but I would like to know how they stand on the color question.

Yours very truly,
T. H. BROWN, Law Student.

As we understand it, colored studednts are not admitted.—The Freeman.

THE AGE AND ITS LITTLE JOKE.

It looks real funny to see the New York Age supporting Rev. Revordy C. Ransom for the A. M. E. bishopric. The fellow who makes a specialty of dealing in the "deadly parallel" could have a barrel of fun rummaging the old files of Mr. Moore's paper.—Florida Sentinel.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF ALPHA HOME.

Indianapolis, Feb. 22, 1911.

Mrs. Susie Williams,
Supt. Alpha Home Ass'n,

Dear Madam—In fulfillment of our promise to audit the accounts of the Ilpha Home Association, we had a meeting with the secretary and treasurer at the office of the Colored Y. M. C. A., and went carefully over the books of the association, subscription lists, vouchers and all documents pertaining to the building of the home, and found everything in a satisfactory condition. We are, therefore pleased to commend the methodical manner in which the books are kept and the judicial handling of the funds of the association by your building committee.

The following figures will show the amount collected, total amount of expenditures and the present indebtedness of the association:

Collected from all sources, including insurance upon old house..	$2,137.78
Paid on account of building......	1,950.21
Paid on account of furnace.....	172.20
Total	$2,131.21
Cost of building................	$2,842.88
Cost of furnace................	245.00
Total	$3,087.8
Paid on account of building furnace	$2,131.21
Present indebtedness—	
On buildings	$ 883.65
On furnace	73.00
Total indebtedness	$ 965.67

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The above statement is the cost of the building as it now stands. To complete it there are needed sewer connections, bath outfit, electric lights, plumbing of laundry room, painting the building, the grading of the yard, cement walks and the building of a pavilion.

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We wish especially to call to your attention the efficient work of our financial secretary, Mrs. Julia Reed and the treasurer, Mrs. Hulda Webb McColl, who have been so careful in handling our funds and steering us over many a financial shoal. To Mr. Tom Ashley the chairman of the building committee, we are doubly grateful for the services rendered.

We also wish to thank Mr. Oscar Blankenship, our contractor and builder, who so faithfully labored for our interests, and the completion of the the nice building.

These efficient officers and workers are heartily commended by the association.

We hope this last appeal will reach the hearts of the people as never before, so that by the time of the annual picnic everything will be completed and ready for inspection and the approval of the public.

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MINEOLA, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. F. Jones, who killed John Tave in Smith county, was cleared by the court last week.... Henry Battee, who shot and killed his wife, will serve out five years. ..T..edford, of Smith county, has one of the best brick yards in this section.... The town of Lindale is now being improved fast, but there are only a few colored people linving there.... Swan is a smal town, but plenty of colored people live there and are doing well.... Sanderson will pass around, so don't miss The Freeman.

A large street fair opens here March 27 and will close April 7.... Mr. George Hill is one of the best piano players in east Texas—Mrs. C. Roberts was in Edgewood last week to see her son.... Sefe and Mattie Rickard were proud to see their son last week, when he arrived safe from Oklahoma.... The Campbell Bros. Big Show will play here March 31. .... We had a heavy rain last Saturday.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Colored Race is in America to Remain Says Famous Educator and Leader Of the Negro, Booker T. Washington.

Hon. Booker T. Washington spoke in this city at the Tabernacle last Wednesday evening, March 15. Fully 3,000 people crowded the building in order to hear Mr. Washington and his plea for his fellow beings, and as a result many went away with a new attitude and renewed patience for the colored people. About $12,000 was contributed toward the Negro school in Tuskegee, Ala. Mr. D. K. Cornwell, of the Sanitarium, well known as a long time friend of that institution, to which he made a gift of $10,000 to aid toward the erection of the new building, presented Mr. Washington before he left the city with $10,000 in first class cecurities to serve as an endowment for the education of worthy colored students. Mr. Post's, Mr. Nichol's and Dr. Gellogg's gifts of $500 each together with two $100 offerings, and many smaller amounts raised this fund securel in Battle Creek to something like $12,00.

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

The Waxahachie Tennis and Pool Club met Friday evening, with all members present, with one or two exceptions. The club has some expert players. The following officers were elected: President, W. B. Brooks; secretary, Mrs. L. E. Diggs, treasurer, Dr. C. S. Diggs.... The high school gave a banquet in honor of Mr. N. A. G. Diggs Wednesday afternoon and evening at the K. of P. Hall. Mr. Diggs left this city for Mississippi to visit his father and mother, and will then go to Ann Arbor, Mich., to study medicine.

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MISSISSIPPI'S PREPARATION.

Citizens of Meridian Putting on the Finishing Touches for Sunday School Congress.

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 27.—Plans are completed for the entertainment of the National Baptist Sunday-School Congress, which is to be held here June 7 to 12, and will be the greatest convention of Sunday-school workers ever held in the country.

The plan of calling together the Sunday-school workers for the purpose of doing better and more efficient work toward reaching the young people was inaugurated several years ago, through the Home Mission Board and the National Baptist Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention. Interest in the work has grown each year, and the delegation has increased until now almost every State in the Union is represented by strong men and women who are directly interested in the salvation of the young people.

There will be many new features this year of interest to teachers and superintendents of Sunday-schools which will add to the large crowd. Departmental meetings will be conducted by expert Sunday-school workers, which will include Superintendents' Conference, Men's Bible Class Meetings, Advanced, Intermediate and Primary Teachers' Meetings, Missionary and Educational Conferences. Some of the very best of the race will take part in these special meetings. Rev. John E. Ford, D. D., pastor of Bethel Institutional Church, Jacksonville, Fla., who is a graduate of the University of Chicago, will conduct a Bible Conference from 8 to 9 each morning during the Congress.

Among those who have indicated their intention to be present are: Rev. W. H. Stokes, D. D., Richmond; Rev. W. H. Graham, D. D., Richmond; J. F. Thomas, D. D., Chicago; G. Wm. Ward, D. D., nIdianapolis; Rev. W. B. Reed, Newport, R. I.; Revs. S. J. Comfort and C. A. Ward, Boston; J. D. Johnson, Indianapolis; H. W. C. Robinson, Crockett, Tex.; M. N. Newsome, Ahoskie, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Willard, New Orleans; D. G. Henderson, Alexandria, Va.; Rev. R. T. Frye, D. D., Springfield, O.; C. B. Campbell, Union, W. Va.; J. P. Brooks, Washington, D. C.; Dillard Taylor, Sumter, S. C.; D. H. Harris, Chicago; S. W. Timms, D. D., Brooklyn; I. M. Lewis, Montgomery, Ala.; W. H. Moses, D. D., Newberry, S. C.; E. E. Jackson, Mt. Clair, N. J.; Hadden L. Jackson, Keatchie, La.; J. J. Jackson, Bellefontaine, O.; I. W. Williams, Sheraw, S. C.; E. Arlington Wilson, D. D., Kansas City; R. E. Goins, Jefferson City, Mo.; J. H. Frank, Wm. H. Stewart, Louisville, Ky.; L. T. Christmas and C. M. Cartwright, North Carolina; F. W. Lancaster and James Brooks, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. L. V. Mebane and E. D. White, South Carolina; Rev. T. O. Fuller Rev. T. J. Searcy, Memphis; Rev. J. P. Robinson, Rev. R. M. Caver, Rev. W. E. Stewart, Prof. Jos. A. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. E. M. Griggs, Palestine, Tex.; J. W. Bailey, Dallas, Tex.; L. L. Campbell, J. T. Brown, Austin, Tex.; S. S. Jones, Ardmore; J. G. Gathings, Austin, Tex.; C. G. Fishback, D. D., Topeka, Kan.; J. Gordon McPherson, Seattle, Wash., and J. W. Hurse, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.

The local committee is hard at work preparing for the entertainment. Already homes for 2,000 have been secured. Mississippi alone will furnish 500 delegates. All the conventions, associations and Sunday-school conventions of the State will be represented.

Henry Allen Boyd, secretary of the Congress, says that within a few days he will be able to announce the rate from all parts of the United States. All the citizens of Meridian are extending welcome to the visitors to the best city in Mississippi. The mayor of the city joins in the invitation to all to come and contribute in any way possible to reaching the unreached and inspiring the young to look upward.

ITEMS OF RACE INTEREST.

The Mosaics of Little Rock, Ark., have closed a deal for a prominent site in that city on which they will build a $50,000 temple. The building will be six stories. The structure will also be used for offices as well as for lodge purposes.

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Henry O. Tanner, the well known artist will return to Paris in the near future to take up his work. He will be accompanied by his wife and children. Chicago will have the pleasure of seeing five or six of his more notable pictures. They will remain on exhibition in that city.

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Charles Stewart, one of the best known newspaper men of the race and a member of the Associated Press staff, will lecture to the citizens of Indianapolis on April 9 and 10. Mr. Stewart, who lives in Chicago, Ill., is said to have traveled more than any other Negro, both in the United States and the old World, is an entertaining speaker and has some interesting experiences and problems to present.

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J. S. Sousky, consul for Liberia, has made the announcement that T. McCants Stewart a well known attorney, has been appointed justice of the Supreme Court of that republic. Mr. Stewart was formerly of New York, where he won considerable note as a lawyer. He holds diplomas from Howard University and the University or South Carolina, and had been a law partner of ex-Congressman Robert Brown Elliott.

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In a class of 50, in one of the public schools of New York City, Miss Eulalia W. Madison graduated with the highest honors. There were two colored girls in the class. A gold medal offered to the girl having the highest mark for the full term was won by Miss Eulalia. Another medal given by Supt. Maxwell to the girl having the highest mark in the English examination Miss Eulalia won. Hed graduation was attended by much enthusiasm.

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Physically slender, spare, frail—a reed in the wind; intellectually and spiritually a Titan. The child of poverty and restricted environment, with limited educational advantages, with unswerving faith in God, with unbending will, and with a purpose as bright and fixed as the North Star, Daniel Alexander Payne was led through the valleys of discouragement, o'er hill-tops of difficulty into the highest Ecclesiastical councils of the African Methodist Episcopal church, and crowned with laurels immortal as the first college president of his race in the world. —The Sodalian.

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The last representative of the colored race in the United States senate was Senator Pinchback of Louisiana, whose membership in that body was brief, because he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of his predecessor. The ex-Senator, who is also an ex-Governor, has been something of a stormy petrel in politics since his well known activities. He is of fine presence and in the recent past was an effective campaigner. But for a score or more of years fate was against him, but he stood the storms of adversity, until the present administration came to his rescue. He holds a good paying osition in New York.

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The Negroes of Richmond, like their brethren in Baltimore, are meeting the issue of segregation of the races with a show of resistance. The whites offer a valuable concession, but beyond permitting the Negroes to own property anywhere in the city, there is but one opinion as to the matter of residence. The city council adopted the segregation ordinance unanimously, after listening to a strong plea from the spokesman of the colored population. Negro ownership of a piece of property in a white district does not affect the value of the surrounding property so long as it is tenanted by whites, and the granting of this privilege is held to be sufficient to offset the Negro argument that his last chance to improve his business standing is being taken away.

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Reuben Gaines, Sr., Hamilton, Iowa, is not bothered very much by what is called the "Race roblem," so far as it concerns himself, for during the last ten years he has been quietly forging ahead, until he has accumulated farm lands and city property, the value of which is from $50,000 to $60,000.

Ten years ago Mr. Gaines was digging coal in the Buxton mines, while his wife ran a restaurant near the scene of his labors. By economy, frugality and industry they were enabled to buy land, upon which they have had built a row of houses for business and residences three and a half blocks in length. In other words, he has built up a community known as Gainestown.

Notwithstanding their great personal wealth, they have time to give to the betterment of the settlement; for both Mr. and Mrs. Gaines are active in fraternal, business and social life, besides giving largely to charity.

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The work being done by the South for Negro schools is indicated in the fact that of $1,000,000,000 spent upon common schools in the sixteen former slave states and the District of Columbia since 1871 at least $185,000,000 have been spent upon common schools for Negroes. In that territory the common school enrollment increased from 2,013,684 whites and 685,942 Negroes in 1870-71 to 4,692,927 whites and 1,655,781 Negroes in 1907-08.

In 1860 there were in the public schools of the South 781,199 pupils out of a total of 4,955,894 in the United States, and the income of these public schools in the South was $4,474,370 out of a total of $22,548,519 in the United States. The popularity of the academy and other private schools at that time in the South was one of the influences against the spread of the common school idea there in that period.

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A directory having to do with the affairs of Negroes in New Orleans has recently been published by Allen T. Woods. The directory declares that there are not fewer than 90,000 colored people in the city; that their property is valued at $4,000,000. They pay more than a half million dollars in taxes. This is contrasted with the situation fifty years ago, when the Negroes owned practically nothing here. Then again the publisher shows that the colored people are educating their children, that 75 per cent of them can write their names and 60 per cent can read and write. In the industries in New Orlelans, the Negro is very largely master. Sixty per cent of the hard labor, the directory declares, is done by Negroes; 80 per cent of the bricklayers are Negroes, 60 per cent of them carpenters, and most of the caterers and butlers of the city are Negroes. The property figures are also encouraging. There are individuals, says the directory, whose checks would be honored at $75,000. The church property is assessed at $300,000 while the colored people own a private office building valued at $200,000.

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St. Louis Claims to have the largest and best equipped Negro laundry in the United States. The general management of this enterprise is in the hands of Mr. R. Herbert Stanton, who first conceived the idea of installing and operating a modern Negro steam laundry. Mr. Stanton, who was formerly driving an independent route, and was forced to turn his work over to white launderers, readily saw the advantage to be gained in the operation of a Negro laundry. He imparted his views to Mr. P. H. Carter, who was also driving an independent route, the two deciding to consult and lay their plans before Mr. W. C. Gordon, the wealthy undertaker. Mr. Gordon encouraged the idea by offering to enlist with the other gentlemen in the venture. A company fas at once formed with W. C. Gordon, president; P. H. Carter, treasurer, and R. Herbert Stanton, general manager. A site was secured, remodeled, $7,000 worth of machinery purchased and installed and the Acme laundry took on the shape of a legitimate business enterprise. At present they are giving employment to 22 Negro men, women and dgirls, with a weekly pay roll of almost $200. The laundry affords three well-kept delivery wagons, which are a credit to any instition, and is daily evincing the fact that the Negro can successfully compete with his Caucasian brother in the commercial field.

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Ex-Governor W. J. Northen, of Georgia, has written the following open letter of indorsement of the "Black Mammy Memorial," which it is proposed to build in Athens. "I approve, most heartily, the purposes and the plans proposed for the conduct of the Black Mammy Memorial institute, both as a worthy tribute to the deserving mammies that made the generation before the civil war, and as a promising training school for the younger Negroes of this day, who desire to make themselves useful in our community life. Organized, as this institution is, in one of the most cultured communities of the state, and supervised and directed by leading citizens of its locality and the state-at-large, I can but believe the work adjustment of the relations of the races. These two people—white folks and Negroes — whether through individual preference or force of circumstances, must dwell together in the same community life for many generations yet to come, and the peace and prosperity enhanced if they can become mutually helpful through proper service rendered on the part of both. I am quite sure that the best white people at the South are fully ready to hold wide open for the Negroes, all economic and industrial opportunities that the Negroes make themselves fitted to fill. It is equally gratifying to see the disposition on the part of the leaders among the Negroes to have their people made capable, efficient and trustworthy for useful service. Neither race can adjust these relations alone, but both together, in cooperation, can. The white people are quite as much concerned in the issues at stake as the Negroes can possibly be, and I hope to see the institution worthily supported by contributions from the generous people of the South."

LOUISIANA (MO.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Williams was down Sunday from Hannibal, attending quarterly meeting. ....Rev. Carter, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, has just closed a successful meeting, with nineteen convertions....Rev. Martin preached his farewell sermon Sunday night. He will leave for conference this week....Mrs. Ida E. Young, of Clarksville, was the guest of friends here Saturday....Henry Brown, of Jacksonville, Ill., was the guest of his parents last week....Miss Delia Nance was in Bowling Green, Mo., one day last week, the guest of friends....Mrs. Gertie Idles was the guest of Miss Nellie Templeton, Thursday, and returned home to Clarksville, Friday....William Carr, who has been sick so long, is reported worse. ....Boys, get together and organize a baseball club. There should be a team of colored ball players in our city.... Well, the city election is over, and the majority of the colored voters voted the Democratic ticket, the Democrats making a clean sweep of the city....There appeared in one of the white papers last week an article inferring that there was a chance for a colored policeman on the city police force, but when the council met in session the black man was forgotten. The colored voters should bear this in mind when casting their ballots, and vote for the candidates who are in sympathy with the Negro race.

NEGRO IMMIGRANTS.

Subject to Medical Inspection Before Entering Canada—Party From Oklahoma Halted—No Serious Bar—$50 In Cash Required.

WINNIPEG, Man.—Commissioner Walker and a staff of ten men, including a number of medical men, are at present in Emerson awaiting the arrival of a party of 165 Oklahoma negroes, brought to homestead in Northern Alberta, who are due to arrive in the morning. It is the intention of the commissioner to detain the party at St. Vincent until all undergo a strict medical examination, and every member who fails to pass will be barred from entrance. It is understood that the Canadian authorities will do all in their power to keep out of Canada every member of this party, an dit may prove to be an interesting international question before it is solved.

Consul Jones Interviewed.

United States Consul General Jones showed the deepest inteerst in the proposed detention of the negro party of 165 from Oklahoma at Emerson on their way to homesteads in Northern Alberta. He stated he understood that the railway authorities who are transporting these settlers had wired to the state department at Washington protesting against such action, and that as American consul general here it would be his duty to see that no untoward act was done against any American citizen.

When asked if he had not a certain amount of sympathy for the views entertained by the Canadian immigration commissioner, he declined to be quotedd. These views are that, as the Oklahoma party is composed of trucksters and gardeners, the members would not be satisfied with the harsh conditions on Alberta homesteads and would gradually drift into the cities and towns.

Case Taken to Washington.

In response to complaints that negro immigrants from America would be refused admission to Canada, the state department asked United States Consul Foster at Ottawa whether under the Canadian law any American citizens as a class could be excluded on account of their color. The department received a reply from Mr. Foster stating that there were no Canadian immigration regulations specifically relating to colored immigrants, if not in prohibited classes, and each possessor of $50 cash and transportation was entitled to admission. This information was telegraphed to American Consul Jones at Winnipeg.

OGDEN, UTAH.

Interesting News Events of Churches and Society.

The colored population of Ogden was very much shocked this morning at 8:30 a. m. when the news was spread over the city that Mr. S. C. Willis was stricken down with a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Willis is originally from Ohio. He was employed here as a chief cook on one of the Union Pacific private cars. He was taken to the Dee Hospital, where he will have the best attention possible. We wish for Mr. Willis a speedy recovery.... Mrs. A. B. Nesbit, who has been on the sick list for quite a long time, is up again and will leave Thursday for Mexico, Mo., where she will spend two or three months of recreation to improve her health. We wish her much success and a safe trip....Mr. Scully Wilbon is up again and has reported to work. Be careful, Mr. Wilbon, that you don't have a relapse....The Feast in the Wilderness and Shoe Hunt Entertainment that was given for the beenfit of the A. M. E. church building fund was quite a success, and also a royal treat to all who attended. The entertainment being entirely new was certainly a treat. The receipts, clear of all expenses, was $20.10, which was turned over to the church to help pay for a plot that's being purchased by the church to build a new church on. The committee who arranged this entertainment was as follows: Mrs. W. I. Brittain, N. R. Shaw, E. Abbott, J. H. Perry, J. Anderson, Geo. Eubanks, Mae Alexander and Mrs. P. A. Samuels, chairman.. ..Well Wishers Club announce their first annual Easter ball and tersichorean festival, for Wednesday evening, April 19th, ate the Royal dancing academp. All are cordially invited to attend and spend a pleasant evening with the Well Wishers. Admission, 50 cents. Committee, Mrs. L. W. Fair, president; Mrs. S. E. Abbott, vice president; Mr. Jos. W. Miller, secretary; Mr. J. S. Morris, treasurer; Mr. B. F. Shaw, floor manager.

A CALL.

Chicago Independents Getting Together.

Motto: "The ballot is the most effective weapon of the citizen."

By authorization of the executive committee of the Mid-Western Division Negro National Anti-Taft League, a conference composed of the members of this league and delegates representing affiliated organizations or indepent local units (properly certified by known men of independent thought and action), is called to meet (at 81 S. Clark St., 2nd floor front) in the city of Chicago, Friday morning, March the 31st at 9:00 o'clock sharp, and to continue in session for such time as may be necessary for the disposal of business.

OBJECT.

(a) Reports from affiliated organizations;
(b) Work accomplished and recognition received;
(c) Attitude of Democrats toward negro allies;
(d) Pending congressional legislation;
(e) Political action necessary for 1911;
(f) Plans for state, congressional and presidential campaigns, 1912;
(g) Literature;

Delegates anticipating attendance at this conference should notify this office without delay so quarters may be assigned them. All visitors will be welcome and cordially entertained.

We are expecting a large attendance of comrades who led the fight for civic and moral righteousness in the memorable campaign of 1908.

Our ranks are swelling fast fast and the fruits of the labor of the men who led the van are everywhere in evidence. Chicago friends will give you an old time welcome and your presence here in the closing hours of the big mayoralty contests—the first skirmish of the campaign of 1912—will be a mighty impetus for civic decency. Kindly wire me, indicating your intention to be present.

All necessary information may be had upon inquiry.

(Signed) THOMAS YALLACE SWANN,
Vice-Chairman, 3412 Vernon Ave., Chicago.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Ed Lee has arrived home in Springfield, Ill., after a stay of four months at Colorado Springs for her health and was accompanied home by her eldest brother, W. P. Hubbard. Many of her friends at Colorado Springs thought that she would not recover, but we are glad to say that she has improved wonderfully since coming home, and will go to Indianapolis with her husband to spend the summer. Mrs. Lee was known in the theatrical world as a brilliant writer and also a performer. Her last theatrical engagement was in 1909, Dec. 13th, at the Pekin theater, Chicago, Ill., playing with her own company in her own production, entitled, "A Modern Family." But since her illness she will be forced to give up all theatrical work in the future, but she will be glad to hear from all friends in and out of the profession. Address 1957 South 11th street, Springfield, Ill., where she is residing at present with her sister, Mrs. Frank Wilkins.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE NEGRO.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 17, 18 and 19, 1912.

For some years past I have had in mind to invite here from different parts of the world—from Europe, Africa, the West Indies and North and South America—persons who are actively interested, or directly engaged as missionaries, or otherwise, in the work that is going on in Africa and elsewhere for the education and upbuilding of Negro people.

For this purpose it has been determined to hold at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 17, 18 and 19, 1912, a little more than a year from this time, an International Conference on the Negro. Such a Conofernce as this will offer the opportunity for those engaged in any kind of service in Africa, or the countries above mentioned, to become more intimately acquainted with the work and the problems of Africa and these other countries. Such a meeting will be valuable and helpful, also, in so far as it will give opportunity for a general interchange of ideas in organizing and sytematizing the work of education of the native peoples in Africa and elsewhere and the preparation of teachers for that work. Wider knowledge of the work that each is doing should open means of co-operation that do not now exist.

The object of calling this Conference at Tuskegee Institute is to afford an opportunity for studying the methods employed in helping the Negro people of the United States, with a view of deciding to what extent Tuskegee and Hampton methods may be applied to conditions in these countries, as well as to conditions in Africa.

It is hoped that numbers of people representing the different governments interested in Africa and the West Indies, as well as representatives from the United States, and the countries of South America, will decide to attend this Conference. Especially is it urged that missionary and other workers in these various countries be present and take an active part in the deliberations of the Conference.

It is desirable, in any case, to have any suggestions as to what might be done to make the work of the Conference more helpful to all concerned. The names of persons who would like to be present, with whom you are acquainted, will be appreciated, and through you they are invited to be present and take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

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CAMPAIGN ON IN FULL.

Colored Voters Active for Merriam in Chicago, Ill.

The mayoralty campaign is now on in full blast. The Merriam headquarters on the southside, 2710 State street, is the daily meeting point for hundreds of our best citizens, who call to record their support and to express wishes for the success of the entire party ticket.

At the headquarters, campaign stories are heard and everything pointing to the election of Merriam is indicated. Besides stories of the campaign, active work is shown on behalf of the party workers and the campaign is assuming an aspect that is really pleasing.

The Colored Citizens Merriam Headquarters is in charge of Hon. Jas. T. Brewington and Hon. A. H. Fields, two hustling young politicians, who know the game, and who are conducting it with the astuteness of real veterans. Mr. E. M. Shoecraft, Mr. W. H. Clark and Mr. Walter Harris compose the clerical force of the headquarters, while Mr. LeRoy Johnson is always in charge as Sergeant-of-Arms to maintain order, keep down some of the enthusiasm that always is evident.

The Hon. Mr. Merriam has issued addresses in which he announces his friendship for our people and pledges his best endeavors to maintain a harmonious relation between all of the citizens of Chicago without discrimination.

George Montague, politician and Freeman hustler, is hustling for Merriam votes and The Freeman. The election is Tuesday, April 4, 1911.

NOTED WRITER CIMONG TO INDIANAPOLIS

Charles Stewart, A.M., D.D., of Chicago, perhaps the mosted noted newspaper correspondent of the race, is coming to Indianapolis April 9th and 10th and will deliver a number of addresses while here.

There is no writer in the country who has traveled any more than Dr. Stewart. He spends most of this time in the southland and has been the eye witness to 19 lynchings and burnings, and he himself has been shot through and through. He is well posted on the condition of the south. It will be his first time to speak in the city, and preparations are being made to have a large crowd greet him. He comes on the invitation of Rev. G. William Ward, pastor of the Baptist church, where he will preach at 11 o'clock April 9th and at 3 o'clock will deliver a special lecture to men only at the new Baptist church, taking up the causes of the alarming death rate among the young people of America. He will preach at one of the churches Sunday night and Monday afternoon a lecture to the women will be delivered under the auspices of the mission circle. Monday night, April 10 will be the closing lecture, which will be to all the people on "Sambo Waxed Fat and Kicked." This lecture will be at the Baptist church, of which Dr. Ward is pastor. Dr. Stewart is connected with the dailyy press of the country as no other man of the race. He traveled very extensively through Europe last summer.

Stewart is a native of Frankfort, Ky., and got his early newspaper training on the Louisville Courier-Journal.

This will be his first time to speak in the city.

NAVASOTA, TEXAS.

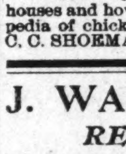
Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Joseph Mack died March 13, succeeding the death of his mother Mrs. Margaret Mack only a few months. He leaves many friends to mourn his loss... Mr. Joe Gaines, the veteran Santa Fe Railroad brakeman, is at hime here, very sick....Miss Henrietta Harrison, a recent graduate of the Navasota Colored High School, is visiting Mrs. Ida Gaines. ....The following persons departed for Houston and Galveston recently, where at the latter place they saw several corps of United States troops of those now maneuvering on the borders of Texas and Mexico: Mr. nad Mrs. Seth McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Young and R. P. Neal....Rev. F. B. Williams will preach at Friendship Church next Sunday—The faculty and students of the Navasota Colored High School will give a high-class social entertainment at the new school building Friday, March 24. A small entrance fee will be charged, the proceeds going toward paying for their new $300 piano....Don't forget the Freeman at Neal's store.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Special Notice to Patrons—It is up to you to have your siedwalks put in the very best of condition, so that your mail will be delivered to your homes and residences in the future with regularity and dispatch. All persons who move from one place to another should see that ther are good sidewalks at the place you are moving to, in order to comply with the new postal laws, now in effect.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1911.

Mars Hill—Got your lot yet?

Weather slightly bum for the last few days.

None too early to make ready for your Easter fronts.

Every dog has his day. The "wets" are having a few just now.

A vote of confidence is cheerfully extended Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Jack Johnson worked pust as hard to get in jail as most men do to keep out. He got his reward.

Former County Treasurer Ensley is now at the bat. Interest in the game has increased considerably.

If the President is assured some good golf games the chances to have him visit the city will improve very much.

If we find it impossible to have one great big exhibition in 1913 in memory of the Emancipation proclamation we can have a whole lot of little ones.

Booker T. Washington retained a Negro lawyer in his case, Wilford H. Smith. It is said that fifty white lawyers offered their service gratis. Such are the incidents to greatness.

The city council has passed the ordinance increasing the license of saloons to $500 by a strict party vote. The republicans were a unit for the maximum limit. The war wages "merrily on."

The president of the Marion club of this city has invited President Taft to Indianapolis to be its guest some time this summer or in the fall. The citizens generally would like to look on his sereneness at least once.

Bear in mind that 1919 will be a most excellent date for the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the Negro existence in America. Not a single animosity can arise if we are truly glad and not afraid to show it.

We will fight right on for enlarged citizenship, since the law of progression must rule. But in the meanwhile we will bear in mind that Negroes of America—these United States—enjoy the best civilization of any Negro race in the world.

The lecture by Prof. W. S. DuBois at the Christian church last Tuesday night was in keeping with the reputation of the distinguished educator. He talked on "The History of the Race." The audience was large and appreciative.

It is said that the character may be read in the hand. How about the feet? The new style in women's dresses affords an excellent opportunity to see feet, and sometimes not to the woman's advantage. The style has a good effect of the shoe business.

The "wets" and "drys" are keeping in hailing distance—the result of elections held under the new law. Whatever may be the views of individuals concerning the liquor habit, it is best that the battle be fought out at the polls, and among those most nearly concerned. The township unit is nearer home rule than a county unit.

Our race is as funny and witty as can be when talking; but seem to think fun and wit too cheap for publication. Many of our papers appear fifty-two times a year without a flash of wit or humor. When the painters find their pictures are too sombre they slap on a bit of red. We act as if it were a sheer waste of money to dash in a little red.

The case is not quite hopeless until the last man of the Negro race is as good as the first man of the white race. In that event we will have sufficiently tried and not until then. This will be considered peculiar heroism, but it is wholesome, and furthermore it is a law unto all men, that no man exceeds you in the things that make for men in their best estate.

Many of us are inclined to think Booker T. Washington gives in too much when he would excuse Ulrich from prosecution. As we see it there was not very much choice. Nor is there any harmful admission in his stand. We prefer to be beligerent for Mr. Washington because we know who he is. This spirit of race fealty is all right and doubtless Mr. Washington appreciates it.

However, the incident was between a man and a man, and not a man and Booker T. Washington, in the sense of personal knowledge of the educator by Mr. Ulrich. Mr. Washington views it in that broader sense, insisting that if the white man thought as he testifies—that he was imposing on his home—he was justified in protecting that home. Looking at the matter very carefully most people will se it as he sees it.

The following from the Lagos Standard, W. Africa, shows a gleam of quaint, quiet humor, indicative of the temper of the settlers who seem to be as sober as America's first sets:

It is related that when the census was first introduced into a certain part of India, and one of the enumerators put his inquiries to an old man, he was answered somewhat after the following manner—

"Friend, I have lived in this town from childhood to old age. I have never concerned myself with my neighbor's affairs to know how many there were in the family, their ages, occupations and what not. I have attended strictly to my own business. You have come here a stranger among us, we have used you well. Be satisfied and depart in peace."

The Freeman has taken delight for a number of years in encouraging the Baptist churches of the race in their efforts to evangelize Africa. Dr. Jordan, secretary of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, notifies us that he is issuing two hundred thousand programs to be observed on Easter Sunday, April 16th. These programs give facts and figures, indeed wholesome and useful information about the work of his own denomination and the colored denominations in general that is being done in other lands. Brother oJrdan says the prospects are exceedingly bright for raising five thousand dollars on their Rally Day. He writes that they have never had more calls for programs at this distance from Easter. All superintendents and pastors of Baptist churches should unite with their foreign mission board in making the Rally a success. If you have not received programs, write Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., 726 West Walnut street, Louisville, Kk., and get a supply free, and then get busy preparing your children for the Rally.

President Diaz of Mexico might take a lesson of our very estimable George Washington as to presidential succession. From all accounts he has made an admirable chief executive, under whom that republic has made its greatest advancement, and had its longest tenure of peace. The mild and ineffective opposition of the present revolutionists is indicative of the weight and influence of the Diaz administration and which weight and influence is measured by just deeds—civil righteousness—rather than by law of blood and iron.

It looks as if the revolutionists meant to be a mild menace, just sufficient to warn the government that while quietude and prosperity were the desiderata, the perpetuity of a single administration was not expected. That Diaz is well beloved is shown by the lifeless opposition, but it was sufficient to arouse the government to its sense of duty—affecting a "dry" revolution noted in the resignation of the Diaz cabinet.

It is very clear that at the next election if he consents to run he will have very spirited oposition; not so much as a demonstration against the personal Diaz as against what he now stands for owing to his repeated successes at the polls.

CORRECTED IMPRESSION.

Tuskegee, Ala., March 29.
Indianapolis Freeman, 225 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis:

Dr. Booker T. Washington emphatically repudiated the dispatches sent out from Philadelphia early this week intimating that the prosecution of Ulrich, the man who assaulted him a week ago in New York City, would be dropped.

Dr. Washington also brands as a misstatement the intimation that he has in any way justified the unprovoked attack upon him.

The whole story, he states, is a cruel misrepresentation, and does him grave injustice. So far as Dr. Washington is able to do it, Ulrich will be prosecuted to the limit, and the charge changed to felonious assault, if this can be brought about.

Booker T. Washington gives it out from Tuskegee that the dispatches sent out from Philadelphia in the first part of the week, saying that he would drop the prosecution of Ulrich, were false. Mr. Washington also brands as a misstatement that he has in any way justified the unprovoked attack on him, insisting that the story is a cruel misrepresentation and that it does him grave injustice. So far as he is able to do it, Ulrich will be prosecuted to the limit, with the charge changed to felonious assault, if possible.

The foregoing is the status of the unfortunate affair up to this time. Those interested will be astonished to know that Mr. Washington was so maliciously misrepresented, according to the latest advices. Most of his friends, of the race, regretted very much to hear that he had concluded to be lenient with Ulrich, thinking that he had nothing to gain by such a course. Others thought that he best understood the situation and consequently was best fitted to care for it. To dictate his actions in the matter would be presumption, since his standing and his knowledge of the affair admits of no such conduct. The most that may be done is to trail along in the wake, sustaining him as he is sustained by his knowledge, conscience and his attorney's advice.

WHAT HE WOULD DO.

Mr. J. C. Napier was sworn in last Wednesday morning as Register of the Treasury. To his surprise, he found that one of his divisions had been taken from him—the loan division—the most important in the register's office. Mr. Napier also found that the large and commodious rooms that had been occupied by former registers and that of his deputy had also been taken from them, and both transferred upstairs to rooms too small for the dignity of the office. The President will, no doubt, call the attention of his democratic Secretary of the Treasury to these changes and transfers. If Mr. Napier was the editor of The Bee, and the editor of The Bee Mr. Napier, the President of the United States would be given just twenty-four hours to vitiate the order of the democratic Secretary of the Treasury or he would have a resignation.—The Washington Bee.

Gee whizz!

THE LAST GREAT BATTLE OF THE WEST.

In his address in this city last Tuesday evening, Prof. W. S. DuBois said among other things, that "We are now facing the last great battle of the West—race prejudice." The expression is impressive enough, true in a general way, but rings through with a sense of finality which suggests a beginning of the ending. We hope that the beginning of the end is now on, and that this is the last great battle, and which is also to end in victory for those most concerned. But is it all so apparent?

Pessimism has but small place in the affairs of men, and yet an optimism founded on insecure or unsured premises is fairly hurtful. The race question is the greatest in the world, but it is not clear why it should be confined to the West in the sense of a world question. Races have ever been at variance—East, West, North, South—and time has wrought some changes—softened the asperities but, alas, the old antipathies are only in abeyance. Scratch a Russian and you will find a Tartar, a saying that well takes off the situation.

We have said many times that many things entered that compound which makes for race entagonism. To recite them will appear trite, but they are of such nature—so antipodal as it concerns those nearest and farthest from the excepted ideal man that with all the charity and christianity to be mustered in the world will scarcely get more than tolerance to the one as from the other.

In spite of the low mutterings of today that seemingly bode ill, we dare say, there is gradual approach to the best possible condition. This is based on the theory of the dark before the dawn nad not noted of convincing evidences of the kind that tell with certainty of an advance. The material prospects and opportunities of the race in a manner will scarcely be improved. If these be the outer defenses and indicative of what is to follow, supreme optimism is in order. But we fear these are but incidents and no true indices of barriers burned away. Fort prejudice bids fair to maintain in most of its formidability, but it may be greatly reduced by the activities and conduct of the Negroes, equally as much as it may be by those of the white man.

The assault will be as much objective as subjective, since one-half of the chance is within the keeping of the race.

HOW HE STANDS.

The Negro press without dissent has shown unmistakable regard for Booker T. Washington, who was so ruthlessly struck down in a street of New York the other day. Men everywhere denounced the attack as an outrage and willingly accepted Mr. Washington's side of the matter as absolute and final—further evidence of his hold on the affections of the general nation. White men—men of note—from the President down, hastened to assure him that he was not without their confidence and esteem. Doubtless the well wishes by his fellowmen so cheerfully spoken were full of comfort to the ill-used principal of Tuskegee, the thought of which will be cherished all of his days.

The kindly attentions shown Mr. Washington were in keeping with his importance in the field which he occupies so preeminently.

President Taft expresses this importance fully in his letter when he says, "It would be a national loss if this untoward incident in any way impaired your great power in the solution of one of the most difficult problems before us." The source of this speech admits of no doubt as to how Mr. Washington is regarded.

He is valuable to his day and generation. The Negroes have benefited mostly by his rare judgment and energy; but he has contributed to the uplift of a civilization in that he has done something for its promotion—given it impetus through the application of principles which he gave new life and meaning even if he did not discover them. The doctrine of the trained hand, heart and head—the three "H's"—were like an unworked mining claim until the master came, and since which time, have been worked and furbished up by him until they are the trinity of assets of that great bulk of mankind that are spoken of as the average citizen.

The universality of the doctrine has fairly confounded the institution and the idea. When Tuskegee is mentioned it at once suggests industrialism—the names are interchangeable. The universality of the doctrine has easily placed the great Tuskegeean in the class of those discoverers of educational principles—Froebel, Pestalozzi and others who caught up the thing aright as it were from time to time flashed from the child mind. The then phenomena were their recorded experience and finally their legacy to the world and now accepted in the light of repeated successful demonstrations, establishing beyond doubt the genuineness and the beneficence of the discoverers. Dr. Washington was not a discoverer, hence that peculiar distinction that distinguishes genius will not go to him. His fame will rest on his everlasting zeal and tenacity in compelling the world to see as he saw. This is perhaps genius in itself—compelling men to see and act.

Bacon, himself, that finest intellectual gift to the human race, was scarcely more exalted in his sphere than is Booker T. Washington. Bacon stood supreme, in that ultra sense of the enlightened mind and as such exerted his influence on that day of intellectual faddism. Booker T. Washington stands supreme, in a "mediealvalism" of education, answering unto the utilitarian doctrine of the greatest good for the greatest number—the intellectual commoner reaching the vast majority.

Great schools, great minds, have weighed Mr. Washington in the balances, most finely adjusted; found him wholly sane, eminently practicable in his theories and have cheerfully accorded him that meed of praise that is so freely accorded those that contribute signally to the world's betterment, or to the advancement of learning. Bacon wrote his "Novum Organum," wherein he would organize the world anew along educational lines. Booker T. Washington wrought his Tuskegee, which was also a synonym for revolution along the well known sphere of industrialism.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

St. Louis Giants Take Games from the Local Team.

(By Walker W. Thomas.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The St. Louis Giants played here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of last week, winning the first two of the three very interesting games with the local team by very large scores. They demonstrated their superiority over our boys in every way. The home team put up a good game, but were not in the class of the fast St. Louis aggregation.

The visitors were highly entertained while in the city.

Wednesday's game was 3 to 8 in favor of St. Louis, Thursday, 3 to 4 in favor of the local boys, and Friday's contest was 1 to 13 in favor of the St. Louis Giants.

Batteries: Wednesday, St. Louis, Taylor, Gillard and McMurry; Pensacola, Pierce and Davis. Thursday, St. Louis, B. Taylor and McMurry; Pensacola, Pierce and Davis. Friday, St. Louis, Gillard and McMurry; Pensacola, Pierce, Patton, Scotland, P. Davis, Ward and Oliver.

The summary of the second game was as follows: First half first inning: Hewitt flew to left field and was out. Wallace flew to right field and was out. Mongin walked and was caught napping at first base by the pitcher.

Second half of first inning: Patton hit to center and was out. Boots singled over second and was safe on first. Hannon grounded to first and was out. Davis singled between first and second and was safe at first. Boots went to second. Davis caught steling second by pitcher.

Second inning: Lyons walked and was caught at first by pitcher. Green bounded to second and was thrown out at first. Warmack grounded to short stop and was put out at first. Second half: Pingle hit to left field and was out. Scotland hit to left field and was out. Ward singled over first for two bases. Hill popped one to the pitcher and was out.

Third inning, first half: Warmack grounded to second and was out at first. McMurry bounded to center and was safe at first. B. Taylor hit to catcher and was out. McMurry caught in an attempt to steal second by catcher. Last half: Smith fanned out. Patton hit to pitcher and was out. Boots bounded to pitcher and was put out at first.

Fourth inning, first half: Hewitt hit to left field and was out. Wallace grounded to second, and by the baseman pumbling the ball, he was safe at first. Wallace caught napping and thrown out at first by pitcher. Last half: Hannon grounded to pitcher and was safe at first. Davis hit to center and was out. Pingle hit to right field and was out. Hannon out by double play.

Fifth inning, first half: Bennett hit to center and was safe on first. Green put a grounder to short and was out at first. Bennett out going to second. Warmack walked. McMurry grounded to short and was out at first. Last half: Scotland hit to left field and was out. Ward hit to right field for two bases. Hill bunted to pitcher and was out at first. Smith singled between first and second and was safe at first. Ward scored. Patton put grounder to second and was thrown out at first.

Sixth inning, first half: B. Taylor put grounder to second and was out at first. Hewitt put a hot one to pitcher and was out at first. Wallace hit to right field and was safe at first. Mongin hit to center and was safe at first. Bennett put a grounder to short and was out at first. Last half: Boots hit to pitcher and was out. Hannon grounded to short and was out at first. Davis hit to right field and was out.

Seventh inning, first half: Lyons hit to first and was out. J. Taylor singled to left field and was out. Green hit to second and was out. Last half: Pingle put a bounder to short and was out at first. Scotland hit to first and was out. Ward singled to short and was out.

Eighth inning, first half: McMurry hit to right field for two bases. B. Taylor grounded to first and was out. Hewitt hit to second and was safe on first. Wallace grounded to short and was out. McMurry scored. Mongin grounded to short and was safe on first. Lyons hit to center and was out. Last half: Hill grounded to second and was safe at first. Smith bunted to pitcher and was out going to second. Patton grounded between first and second. Smith out going to second. Boots grounded between first and second and was safe at first. Hannon grounded between first and second. Patton and Boots scored. Davis grounded to short and was out at first.

Ninth inning: Taylor fanned out. Warmack fanned out. McMurry hit to second and was out.

Score:
St. Louis ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—3
Pensacola ....1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 *—5

The line-up was as follows:

St. Louis Giants: Hewitt, short; Wallace, second; Mongin, third; Bennett, center; Lyons, left; Green, right; Warmack, first; McMurry, catcher; B. Taylor, catcher.

Pensacola Giants: Patton, left; Cy Edwards ,alias Kid Boots, short; Hannon, second; Davis, catcher; Pingle, third; Scotland, center; Ward, first; Hill, right; Pierce, pitcher; Smith, McCorlste, subs.

Charles A. Mills, manager of the St. Louis Giants, was praised very highly for having such a good team.

Pingle was formerly with the Kansas City Royal Giants.

Manager James Goldstruder of the local team was praised highly for the way our boys combatted a mighty foe in the greatest of all games.

The New York Giants played here last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The fans stick by the local team, even if they are defated once in awhile, and this will help make our boys eladers later on in the season.

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The colored people of this city have the baseball fever and are supporting the local team nicely....The Florida Blossom Club will soon isue cards for their big social event on April 18....The Big Four Social Club entertained the St. Louis ball team with a dance at the K. of P. Hall Wednesday night f last week....Miss Nellie Clayton was married to Mr. Aaron Hall, of Montgomery, Ala., last week. It was quite a surprise to their friends in this city....Misses Paterson delightfully entertained the West Hill Social Club last week. A fine luncheon was served.... Miss Eva Girsby, of Mobile, Ala., has been the guest of Mrs. Idel Robinson of North G street....Mrs. Henry King died last week after several weeks of illness. Her many frinds mourn their loss....Mr. S. Campbell, of Warrington, Fla., has been on the sick list for some time....The members of Mt. Zion Church are now holding their services in Williams Hall. ....Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wynn are located at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wynn, Sr., on East Hill....Mr. Henry Obannon is out aagin after three months of illness....Mrs. L. H. Thomas, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Thomas, at Morro Castle, left for Tampa, Fla., where she will join her husband.... Mr. Oscar Smith, of N. Hazen street, returned from Mobile, Ala., after a successful operation was performed. He is doing fine. His many friends are glad to know it.....Mr. R. H. Shannon has been on the sick list. His many friends are glad to see him out....Mrs. Annie Hunter of N. B. street has been on the sick list....The Myterious Two entertained at a dance at the K. of P. Hall last Tuesday night. A large number was present

ST. LOUIS GIANTS WIN

From New Orleans and Kansas City Giants—Go Down Before the Pensacola Giants.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 27.—(Special)—Onward march the mighty trojans of St. Louis, Mo., with hustling Chas. A. Mills at its helm and Capt. Felix Wallace, leading these noble athletes. They are slowly cutting down their antagonists daily. Sunday, March 19, 1911, the St. Louis Giants were billed to march against the New Orleans baseball team, but on account of rain the game was postponed to Monday, March 20th. A large crowd witnessed the defeat of the New Orleans team at the hands of the St. Louis Giants to the tune of 6-4. Steel Arm John Taylor, Gillard and Ten Taylor were in good form and pitched effectively. Tuesday, March 21, 1911, the St. Louis Giants met the Kansas City Real Giants at Mobile, Ala. Before a large crowd the spectators supposed the game would be closely contested, but after the third inning it was seen that the Kansas City boys were no match for the boys from Missouri, with Steel-arm John Taylor in fine form and the St. Louis Giants working like a well-oiled machine. The Kansas City Royal Giants lew up, and when the smoke cleared away the score stood St. Louis 10, Kansas City 3. From the past record of the Kansas City Giants and the enormous strength of the team by close reconnoitering the St. Louis Giants found in its lineup through the kindness of Mr. Goldstucker, four of the Pensacola stars, in person, I refer to Messrs. Patton, Hannon, Booth and Scotland. After all, in many instances, the St. Louis Giants toyed with their opponents. Pressing farther south the St. Louis Giants reached the land of flowers—Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday, March 22, 1911, to march againstt he champions of the South, the Pensacola Giants. For three games, to the surprise of every one in Florida, the Pensacola Giants went down in defeat before the mighty trojans of St. Louis, Mo., two consecutive days, to the tune of 9 to 3 and 13 to 1. The third day the Pensacola Giants stopped the onward march of the St. Louis boys and trimmed them in a hotly contested game to the tune of 4 to 3. Therefore, up to present date the St. Louis Giants have only met one defeat out of a possible 13 games. Batteries for all four games: Steel-arm Taylor, Gillard, B. Taylor, pitchers; W. McMurrey, cather. Too much credit cannot be given Messrs. A. Lucas, William F. Frizzon, of Pensacola, Fla., and Walter Cohen, of New Orleans, for the hospitality shown them while in the southland. April 1, 1911 the St. Louis Giants will start north, cutting down their opponents as they go, after a successful training trip in the southland. It is the first time in the history of the St. Louis Giants that they had the opportunity to unfurl their colors and stand hand in hand with the leading baseball teams of the 20th century.

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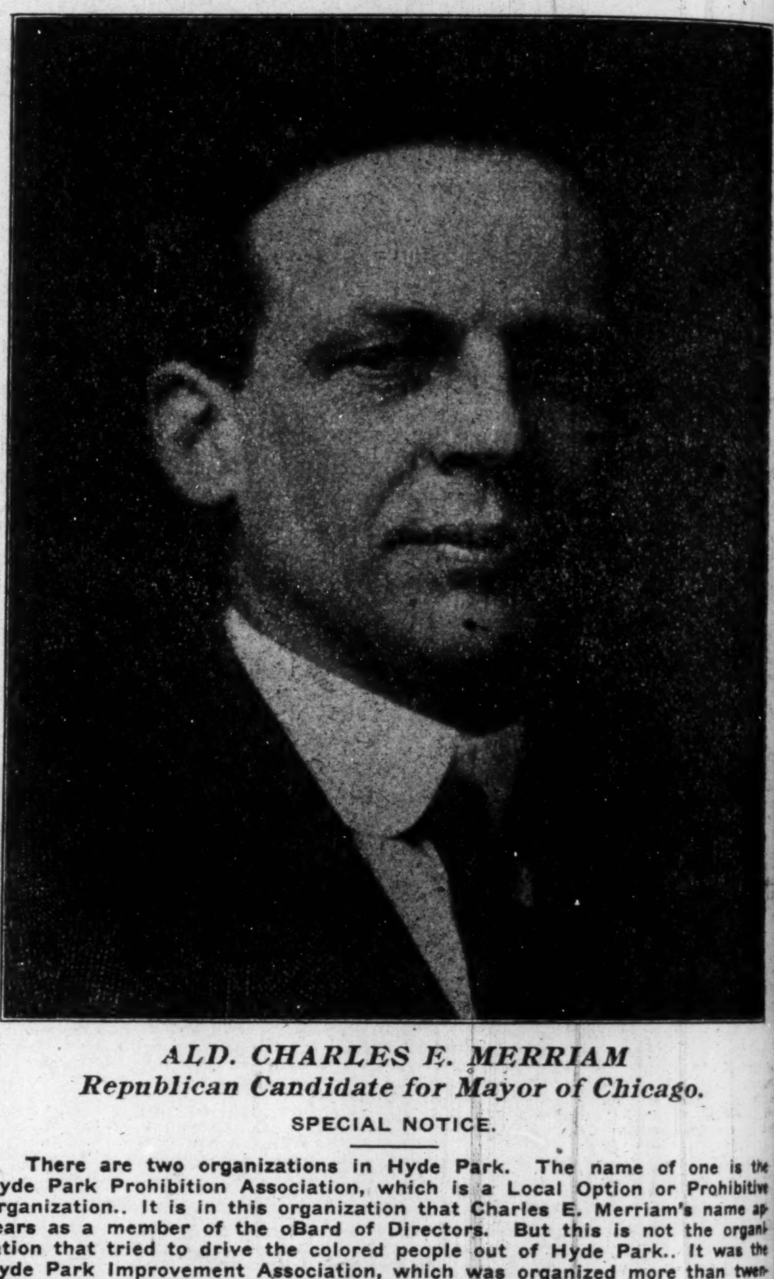

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Republican Candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

There are two organizations in Hyde Park. The name of one is the Hyde Park Prohibition Association, which is a Local Option or Prohibitive Organization.. It is in this organization that Charles E. Merriam's name appears as a member of the oBard of Directors. But this is not the organization that tried to drive the colored people out of Hyde Park.. It was the Hyde Park Improvement Association, which was organized more than twenty (20) years ago, long before Charles E. Merriam left Iowa, his native state.

This association was organized for the purpose of neighborhood improvement, but of late some of its members have tried to bring about segregation and race discrimination. Alderman Merriam's name does not appear on the Board of Directors or the membership roll of this association. This is the organization which caused the race strife.

As a matter of fact, Alderman Merriam was never a member of either association. Investigate these statements for yourself, and if anyone can prove them untrue come to the Colored Citizens' Merriam Headquarters, 2701 State street, and get $100 in cash money.

The colored voters will do Alderman Merriam a grave injustice and themselves as a race immeasurable harm should they allow such falsehood to influence their votes.

JAMES T. BREWINGTON, JR.,
Chairman Colored Citizens' Charles E. Merriam Campaign Committee.
Election April 4, from 6 o'clock a .m. ,until 4 o'clock p. m.

To the Colored Citzens:

I am informed that a rumor was recently circulated associating my name with an effort to prevent colored people from locating in Hyde Park.

This is a deliberate and malicious falsehood. I was never a member of the Hyde Park Protective Association or Hyde Park Improvement Association, or any other organization having for its purpose discrimination.

Never attended any of the meetings, either private or public; never gave them endorsement, encouragement or support.

My policy has always been for a liberal government and a square deal for all, regardless of race, color or conditions.

(Signed) CHARLES E. MERRIAM.

NOTE.

Mr. Arthur Burrage Farwell, president of the Hyde Park Protective Association, in an interview in the Record-Herald of March 23, in reference to the Hyde Park Protective Association, made the following statement: "It has always been the custom to use the names of the Seventh Ward Aldermen as honorary members of the board of directors of the Hyde Park Protective Association, and I presume it was in that way that Merriam's name was used.

"But I know Charles E. Merriam has never taken an active part in the affairs of the association. This is a prohibition organization."

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Has anybody noticed that Spencerian "hand" that S. H. Dudley writes?

Ledman & Somers scored a big hit at the Savoy theater, N. Y., last week.

Ray & Williams at Plattsburg theater, Plittsburg, Vt., March 30, 31 and April 1.

Lowell & Lowell offered a comedy sketch at the Lincoln theater, New York, last week.

May and May are still at the Majestic Theater, Hot Springs, Ark., and are making good as usual.

Mr. McQuitty, one of the unfortunate Down in Dixie Co., is now in Kansas City, 345 N. First street.

"Little Johnny Jones" played the Majestic Theater, Toronto, Ont., week of March 27, with Hamilton to follow.

Mabel Chaney is a brand new addition to Frank Montgomery's "Dixie Players." Her development is being watched.

Harry and Lillian Earle are in their second week at the Emro theater, Nephic, Utah, and are scoring a big success.

S. H. Dudley, Aida Overton Walker and the rest of the "Smart Set" bunch are at the National Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

An unconfirmed rumor is afloat to the effect that Sam Corker Jr. may become the manager of the New Howard at Washington, D. C., next season.

The team of Little Irma and Ernest White is playing at the Auditorium to white audiences only, in Charlotte, N. C. Their act is highly appreciated.

Miss Mazie Bush, Harlem's pleasing singing soubrette, a feature at the Crescent theater, New York, a fortnight ago, is now resuscitating in Utica, New York.

Nothing succeeds like success, so say the Southern Comedy Trio. Week March 13th, Majestic theater, Winterset, Ia. Opened week March 20th, Princess theater, Mason City, Ia.

The Golden Gate Trio—Winifred, Martin & Winifred—have returned to the states after a long tour in and around Halifax, N. S. The act played last week at Acker's theater, Bangor, Me.

Burns & Robbins new act presented at the Crescent theater, last week for the first time. They have the making of a very good act. The line of talk is good and the subject worked very well.

The Invincible Trio were at Duluth, Minn., last week, playing to packed houses. They had great success in Canada, where they received splendid press notices. At Hibbing and Evluth, Minn., this week.

Richard Scott, now head porter Great Parker Shows, has got a red-hot act for next fall, with plenty of ginger. Mr. Will H. Dorsey, of Chicago, Ill., will arrange music.

Burton & Chatham opened at the Ivy theater, Chattanooga, Tenn., April 20th. "Steamboat Bill" went big. Doing a neat song and dance, finishing with buck and wing. Only eight months before the public. Doing fine.

William E. Jones, the versatile singer of popular melodies, introduced the two-march song hits, "Dixie Gray" and "Gee Isn't It Great to Meet a Friend from Your Home Town," at the Oxford theater, Brooklyn, Sunday.

Frank Clermonto, of the well known team of Clermonto & Miner, was struck with paralysis at Rutland, Vt., March 18th, while preparing to leave for Burlington, Vt. He is back in New York under the care of Dr. Cooper.

Alonzo Moore, the famous magician, now in Chicago getting his own company together. He will be under the management of Ridpath Lyceum Bureau, opening at Boulder, Col. Will play the whole west, including Chautauqua, New York.

Cyclo & Cyclop, champion all around athletes and heavy weight lifters, opened at the Duval theater, Monday, with their original stunt. Frog and Zulu went big. Thursday they open with a double torchlight juggling and physiculture. It was a grand success.

Blind Harris, the musician from Indianapolis, showed at Springfield, Ill., last Sunday evening to a packed house. His performance was received with high appreciation, and they express a desire to have him return. He will continue West in a series of concerts.

Leona Marshall, please notify your brother, Henry Harris, of your whereabout, as I am very much worried. I am with J. H. Boyers Co., 918a St. Clair Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill. This is company's permanent address, as I am on the road and can't send route far enough ahead.

A colored burlesque show left New York Sunday to open in Wilkesbarre, Pa. The star members of the new company are Jimmy Worles, Smith and Nichols. Little Sammy Gaines and Big Lew Jones, Delyous & Jeffreys, Purcell & Thornton, The Long Island Comedy Four, Billy Moore, Jim Slater and Charlie Moore.

Frank Montgomery's "Dixie Players," which have had two successful weeks at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, will open a three weeks' engagement at the Houston Theater, Louisvillt, Ky., April 3. The company is full of pretty girls, who sing and dance well. The men are good players and fine fellows. Louisville is respectfully requested to look them over.

"Jolly" John Larkins and Miss Jennie Pearl go out next season at the head of their own company in "A Royal Coon." Miss Pearl has developed into one of the very best soubrettes on the stage, and best of all, the size of her hat has never increased abnormally because of the splendid success she has achieved. Miss Pearl is a genuine artiste, and has a brilliant future before her.

Julian Edwards, the female inpersonator, gave his audience at the Crescent theater, New York, last week a surprise when he uncovered at the end of his act. While he has no remarkable range of voice, yet he has a very pleasant appearance and personality and made an excellent soubrette. The end number went better than the others, and was the only applause he received.

When Aida came life was anew in the old town. The sun of theatrical desire had been lowering until a total eclipse threatened. Her elegance and grace, her child-like glee, and methinks touched with a bit of note melancholy and for the better, as for diviness, restored us our lost Eden of desire and perhaps until she returns again. Sing heavenly muse of sprite and nymph and you also choir to her whose excuse for existence is to teach the law of human ryhthm—Aida Overton Walker.

L. D. Joel, the theatrical king, has certainly made some headway in the theatrical world from all appearances. He is now connected with and represents ten of the leading houses throughout the South. Watch this fellow, Joel, for he will soon be in the Klaw & Erlanger class among the colored profession. His success is attributed to attention to business, fulfilling all agreements and contracts and treating his performers right in every respect. Headquarters, Arcade Theater, Atlanta, Ga.

It is now Brown & Hodges again. Harry A. Brown and Miss Lulu Hodges, Indian cartoonists and singers, after a successful season in conjunction with Frank Fowler Brown, have returned to their double act, and the latter is working in vaudeville alone as a lyric tenor. He is putting in five weeks in Pennsylvania and is reported to be making good. Brown & Hodges are spending the week in New York City, getting their paraphernalia together for an extended spring and summer season in the States.

J. B. Busby's Minstrels are enroute through Oklahoma, where they report a good business. The band has all new instruments, having lost their old ones in the fire at Rodgers, Texas. Gorden C. Collins joined the company at Cushing on March 22 and is making a great hit. A number of the company visited Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bills' farm while in Pawnee. Lawrence Baker is making a good impression on the audiences with his singing of "Twilight." Regards to all. Address mail in care of The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

"My Friend from Dixie" Company, J. Leubrie Hill, Brown, Shelton and others are making good at Havlin's Theater, St. Louis. Says a St. Louis paper: "There are forty well-selected colored persons, all young and willing workers, in the assembly at the old melodrama house, and their solgan, 'If you can't laugh, don't come,' means just what it says. Hill himself can wear his spurs, gained on many a vaudeville field, with becoming propriety, because he has natural comic talent, improved by close attention to the needs of his calling. Others in the company deserve the same reference. The show is as good as any of its kind and better than most."

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the talented elocutionist, has reached St. George's, Bermuda, British West Indies, and reports a fine voyage enroute. She is drawing large and appreciative audiences, and is proving to be a revelation to the English people on the island, who rarely see American colored dramatic readers or actors. Miss Davis will spend a month in the Bermuda provinces, under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Burgess. She has secured from W. Edgar Easton, also the author of "Dessalines," the entire right to produce his later work, "Christophe," in which the stellar role gives Miss Davis an unprecedented opportunity for the display of her wonderful tragic powers. Davis expects to visit London and to witness the coronation of King George V. in June.

WIZARD THEATER, NORFOLK, VA.

Rainey and Rainey trio has closed an engagement at the Dixie Theater, in Durm, N. C., and now is playing at the Wizard Theater, in Norfolk, Va., for an indefinite engagement. The bunch is getting along nicely. The show this week is going bigger than ever. The Raineys and their little Pick are the talk of the town. Miss Rainey is taking from five to six encores every night.

THE STAR THEATER, AT AUGUSTA, GA.

The Star Theater is a swell colored playhouse, catering to the best colored people in town. Mr. John J. McNeil, as stage manager, deserves much credit for the shows he is putting on. Mr. L. D. Joel, the Southern theatrical king, is booking the house. On Saturday a week ago quite a shaking of hands and a happy meeting came off. The McNeil and Henner and Lewis-Williams trio met, all from home. Quite a jolly evening was spent. The following performers were present: Lewis Kenner, Johnnie Lewis, Millie Williams, Effie Means Perkins, R. Desdamonia McNeil, Sidney Cohnan. Annie Hicks Clark, Lee and Lee, Clark Brothers, the Pewees, Mrs. Lewis Boyd, McDolold Donelds, Jimes and others. The evening was well spent.

NASHVILLE STUDENTS ENROUTE.

The show is in Kansas for a few days, and is now headed for Colorado, where we will get our private car. This show goes from coast to coast. We have had a very successful season, and the ghost hasn't failed to walk since last September. The show will carry twenty people after leaving Denver. John Dennis, a well-known comedian, is starring the show. He has been sick, but is improving in health and looking fine. Mr. Tom Harris, our acrobatic buck dancer, is to be married in April to a lady from Des Moines, Ia., Joe Jordon, our trombone player, is back from Texas. Coy Herndon, hoop roller, keeps them guessing. Harry Hull, our manager, will go to Denver to make arrangements for a private car.

CINCINNATI (O.) THEATERS.

The Pekin.

The local playhouses have not given us much to comment on this week, about every one on the bills have been here so often it would hardly interest the readers of the Freeman to know what these performers are doing. The Pekin has the Dahomian Trio, putting on a little farce; Madame Salanka has a nice act with her large snakes, she has added some new people to her act with ne wcostumes, which makes a decided improvement over her last appearance on the street, and Miss Lucy Shepherd received quite an ovation when she sang "My Linda Lee."

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The Gaither.

At the Gaither the Goodloe Southern Belle Stock Co. produce another swetch that pleased

JOHNSON IN JAIL.

Out on $500 Bail—Gets Grant Pending Superior Court Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, who was sentenced to twenty-five days in the County Jail upon pleading guilty in the Police Court to the charge of violating the automobile speed ordinance, was released on $500 cash bail, after spending several hours in jail. The bail was granted by Superior Judge Morgan, pending an appeal to the Superior Court. As Acting Police Judge Treadwell positively refused to listen to a motion for bail, declaring that asJohnson had pleaded guilty, there was no appeal, attorneys for the prisoner scurried about to find a judge who would grant an order for his release on bail. It was not until nearly 9 o'clock that they succeeded. Another charge of exceeding the speed limit is pending against him.

A CORRECTION BRANCHVILLE, S. C.

Sir, while reading your issue of the Freeman, dated March 8th, 1911, I noticed an article stating that Prof. Eph Williams Famous Troubadours were touring Florida and meeting with reverses. Now, sir, I do not understand this. I, as owner and manager of this aggregation, want to state that this show has been playing to the largest and best crowds of any show traveling through the southern states, and we have not lost a single night, except in inclement weather, for four years, and are now on the verge of opening our No. 2 show on or about the 15th of April, 1911, and we now carry a payroll for nearly 100 people, and have not missed a pay day since we have been traveling South, and I also want to say that this statement is not only an untruth, but simply a willful lie, and I certainly would like the best in the world to know where any such remuor could have sprung from. We also carry some of the best musicians and performers in the business with our show, and travel in our own two cars and carry seven head of trained ponies and the show and band was never better than in the last nine months. So say the public and press, which are the best judges of such, and sir, I desire of you being kind enough as to favor me by teling me, or letting me know your authority for this statement, and I would like you to give me an immediate reply.

I am, as ever yours,

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS.

The Freeman begs leave to say that it takes pleasure in publishing the correction by Prof. Eph Williams. The information was caught up as the other news, that come to this office, from time to time. We had no intention of circulating anything to Prof. Williams' hurt.

Respectfully,

THE FREEMAN.

LOWERY'S BANQUET GLORIOUS EVENT.

COLUMBUS, O.—Enormous gathering of all the leading musical organizations and musicians of Columbus, O. To show appreciation of their presence in the past five months express regrets of their departure to their city.

P. G. Lowery and his three followers for the past ten years was the subject of the evening—Mr. Thomas Ma, Billy May and James B. Hall. Mr. Henry Fraziur, level brain good judgment and business proclivities, was chairman. An interesting address was listened to with care and interest by every member of the band and different musical organization. One of the most interesting speeches was from Hon. Marshall Nickens. It was along the line of musical progress.

The response of thanks by P. G. Lowery was heartily applauded when he, as our best banod critic, explained why the 9th O. N. G. Band of Columbus, Ohio, is easily the best band in the U. S. Refreshments was served in bountiful quantities. With a hearty handshaking of best wishes to everybody, they left the banquet parlor as a body of one with a motto: Peace and good will to all men.

J. LEUBRIE HILL AT PEORIA, ILL.

At the Majestic Theater last night a large audience gave a tumultuous greeting to J. Leubrie Hill and his company of forty singers and dancers when they made their first appearance in "My Friend from Dixie."

That the claim of the advance agent that the company is the best colored troupe now on the road was no idle boast was shown from the first. The piece, while airy in plot, is brim mull of incident and sparkles with the happy-go-lucky fun so characteristic of the African race.

There is a plantation scene that can't be beaten in its way, and other scenes in the piece are equally interesting and true to life. Song hits are numerous in the score and the audience demanded many repetitions of such numbers as "Come Out, New Moon," "A Real Coon Rag," "Have a Good Time While You Can't" and "The Warmest Baby in Town."

Mr. Hill is one of the cleverest of comedians and was ably seconded by Mill Brown, as a sort of colored Beau Brummel, in which character he found much favor with his auditors. A chorus of chocolate cream girlies sing tunefully and dance with the delicious rhythm for which their race is famed, and as for the little lady who goes by the name of the "Molasses Candy Kid," she is kuite irresistible. The company remains at the Majestic today and tomorrow, with matinee ach day.—From the Peoria Star, March 24.

LOUISVILLE THEATERS.

By George Slaughter.

The Houston Theater.

"The Isles of Bye and Bye" taken from Bert Williams' song of the same name, was the show presented by the Houston Stock Company this week, and is a musical comedy of exceptional merit. Billy Henderson, the talented young stage director, certainly put one over in producing what I term a ducedly clever play with plenty of "ginger." Webster Williams and John Gertrude played the parts of Zulu's and was a riot from rise of curtain to fall. Billy Henderson as the Adventurer, did honor to his part, and is almost as good a straight man as he is a comedian. All the girls who were dressed as they do in the Isles, were a beautiful sight to see.

"The Island of Bye and Bye' closed the act, and was featured with a very pretty drill by the entire company. Mr. Henderson informed me last Monday, that on Sunday, April 2nd, would mark the close of the Houston Stock Company, and that he and his clever little wife together with Carrie May Hall, would leave for Chicago, where they will fill an engagement at the Grand theater. I want to say that this company, under the management of Mr. Henderson, has given entire satisfaction for five weeks, and could stay five weeks more, as each member has gained a host of friends while in the city. Frank Montgomery's Dixie Players will hold the boards at the Houston for three weeks, beginning April 3rd. Then the Houston will re-opene with stock and vaudeville, under the personal direction of Billy Henderson.

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The Lyre.

The excellent bill presented to the patrons week of March 20th, included McKissick & Shadney, whose singing and eccentric dancing proved to be quite a hit. This was their first appearance in Louisville. King William and his famous dogs were well received, and proved a good attraction. Miss Ora Criswell and Eloise Johnson were holdovers in entirely new acts and songs. These ladies by their clever work and versatility, have become quite favorites and will be welcomed with a return date in the near future. The bill for week of March 27 includes Bailey & Bailey in the excellent musical act, "The Illinois Mightingales," and Chas. Bebee, comedian and monologist.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL'S CHICAGO REVIEW

"Near the Camp" at the Pekin—A Bright Military Farce by Jessie A. Shipp Which Gave Much Pleasure.

There was a ringing sound of the glad hand after every song and farcical situation at the Pekin Theater last Monday evening, when "Near the Camp" was presented by the best stock company of colored artists on record.

Clarence Tisdale and Billy Johnson, in leading roles, conducted themselves with dignity, and Charles Gilpin as a military man was good.

Allie Gillam was the chief fun producer.

Mrs. Hattie McIntosh as Mrs. Jackson was most entertaining.

Miss Fannie Wise sang "Put Yours Arms Around Me, Honey."

Will C. Elkins and chorus sang a number which was highly appreciated.

Lottie Grady presented "The Piano Man" in her usual winsome manner, and Marie E. Burton sang "In All My Dreams" which was a success.

Adah Banks sang the "Georgia Grind" and was encored.

Clarence Tisdale's "Wild Rose" and "Land of Harmony," with Billy Johnson in the final ensemble made a lively finish.

The dancing of Maggie Davis, Katie Jones and Daisy Brown was exceptionally clever.

H. D. Coleman and Lloyd Gibbs were soldiers, and Miss Gertie Brown a camp girl.

Iiler Vincent, the wrestler, is now meeting all comers at the Pekin.

Second Week's Bill at the New Grand.

The second week's bill at the Grand was headed by Harrison Stewart and Matt Marshall and was an excellent one. These two gentlemen might be termed "Kings of Blaceface Comedy."

Murphy and Francis entered their second week here more popular than ever. Murphy is in a class by himself as a comedian and dancer, and is the most original man on the stage, white or black.

Miss Francis wore some pretty dresses.

Sidney L. Perrin and Goldie Crosby were well received as funmakers, and the songs of Miss Crosby were good.

Miss Lucretia Lawson, a former prima donna in Ernest Hogan's company, made her first re-appearance in vaudeville after an absence of three years in Eruope. She received a cordial welcome and her songs were well appreciated by the audiences.

The white actors on the bill were Kelly and Burkhardt in an Alaskan scenic act, and the Apollo Quartet.

The audiences were mostly colored patrons.

Thomas and Jones at the Monogram.

Thomas and Jones headed he bill at the Monogram last week and were a strong attraction.

Dike Thomas, Theodore Henderson's partner, kept the audience in an uproar with his fun.

Mr. Jones, who is filling Mr. Henderson's place, is a good actor and singer. Mr. Thomas' rendition of the song "Constantly" was exceptionally clever.

The James Sisters came back as a real surprise. They made a hit with their songs.

Miss Ethel James deserves special comment on the improvement of her genuine dramatic soparon voice.

Brooks and Brown gave another act. Brooks' work was real clever.

Lilly Gary and Bamboo opened the bill. Miss Gary is decidedly clever.

What the Little Old Grand Presents.

And do we still remember the little old Grand Theater? It is still doing business at the old stand. The week's bill consisted of five acts.

Mitchell and Brady as headliners were well received.

The Abyssian Duet was highly interesting.

Williams and Crosby were the chief funmakers.

George Williams, who has been away on a vacation, is back again and his dancing took well.

Dick Lewis made a hit in his female impersonation, while Monroe Tabor won applause in his illustrated songs.

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The Tom Fletcher Duo was at South Bend, Ind., last week. They were compelled to suspend their engagement for this week on account of Fletcher's injured ankle.

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The Buddy Gilmore Trio is at the Star Theater on the West Side. The Washington-Prince Trio is also working in the city.

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The Goats of Chicago re-organized last Wednesday night at Sidney Perrin's residence and elected the following officers: Irvin Miller, president; Harry Goodman, secretary, and Sidney L. Perrin, treasurer.

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David M. Greer, Jr., is electrician at athe Little Grand.

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Robert Lane, violinist, is at the Sunnyside Theater, Savannah, Ga.

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A benefit was given under the auspices of the Goats for Fred Burch, who is ill. The affair was held Thursday night at the Pekin Theater.

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Charles E. Burch, brother of Fred, died Monday evening in this city.

Frank Clermonto, of Clermonto and Miner, is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis. He was stricken at Rutland, Vt., and had to cancel his Canadian engagement and return to New York. He is reported better.

ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS, AMERICAN THEATER, JACKSON, MISS.

Allen's Troubadours once more heard from. They are at the American Theater, Jackson, Miss.

The company opened their spring season at the American Theater for two weeks at Jackson, Miss.

The show created the greatest excitement in theatrical business that Jackson has ever had.

The company opened with a parade on Monday. All the members were in carriages, twenty-two in number, and the band, consisting of eighteen pieces, in a large tally-ho. Banners announcing the show were seen streaming from houses and vehicles and were carried by boys in the streets.

The citizens and show-going people of Jackson say that it was the largest display ever witnessed in the city, by a colored aggregation.

The doors were opened at 7:30 Monday night, with three extra police to keep back the rushing and anxious crowd, for the streets were thronged with men, women and children seeking admittance to the theater.

With a crowded house every night the Troubadours gave the patrons of the theater a run for their money.

The members of the company are a fine lot of people, and, were appreciated by the Jackson theater-goers.

Friday a ladies' and children's matinee was given, and was highly appreciated by all the citizens.

The members of the company seemed to put all the vim they possessed into their work and were the winners by so doing.

D. E. Lewis, the advance agent of the Allen Troubadours, is handling paper like a circus man.

McCoy and McCoy took the house by storm with their sketch, "O, Lord, Send Me a Man," and their twentieth century buck dance.

Gibson and Owens, two understudies of G. W. Allen, with their knockabout sketch entitled "Derby Day," made a great impression upon the audiences.

J. Rucker, the gallery favorite, received his share of the applause by his excellent work.

Johnson and Lewis, the knockabout team took well with the patrons of the theater.

Miss L. Lathm, the Mississippi Sunflower, took the house by storm with her song, "The Belle of the Silvery Nile."

Allen and Allen put the finishing part on the show with their original big act, "I'm Gwine to Stay Right Here," and the arrangement of the "Barber Shop Chord."

Prof. Ed. Davis and his six-piece orchestra, has certainly set Jackson humming. The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Ed. Davis, pianist; D. McCloud, violinist; M. McCloud, bass violin; W. Hudson, 'cello; D. Coleman, cornetist; P. Zabelli, trap drummer.

The company is in the best of health and spirits, and send regards to all the profession.

Mr. Allen says hello to all friends and managers, as well as performers.

Allen's Troubadours will open at Vicksburg, Miss., April 1.

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ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, starring in "His Honor, the Barber"—Washington D. C., week of April 3.

G. W. ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS—Vicksburg, Miss., April 3 to 8.

"MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE"—Kansas City Kan., week of April 2.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Plainfield, N. J., April 3; Atlantic City, 5, 6; Imelana, 7; Chester, 8.

PEKIN TRIO—Week of April 3, Gardner, Me.

RICHARDS & PRINGLES' MINSTRELS—Aurora, Mo., April 3; Springfield, 4; Bolivar, 5; Osceola, 6.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Campbell, Manzie.
Frye, Ed
Hutt, Albert.
Holmes, James L.
Howard, M. D.
Israel, George
aJckson, Arthur.
Johnson Musical Co.
Lewis and Lewis.
Moss, A. G.
Murdock, Chancey.
Nealey, Walter.
Puggsley, Wm.
Reese, Billy.
Wiley, Lawee.

Ladies' List.

Dorsey, Miss Mattie. Johnson, Mrs. Fay Davis, Miss Henriet. Peat, Mrs. Bessie. Hicks, Miss Annie. Taylor, Miss Ruby. Jones, Mrs. Rastus.

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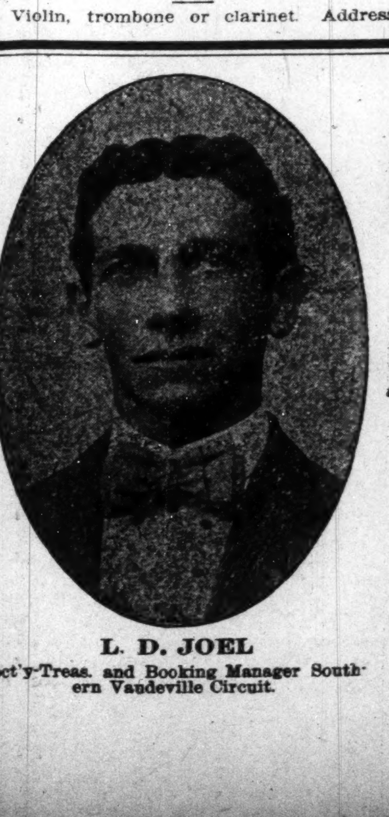

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The Stage.

Bradford's Eight Africanders, with the "Moulin Rouge Peerless Queen Co.," Baltimore, Md., last week.

Robt. A. Lane, of New York, is making good at Pekin theater, Savannah, Ga., as trap drummer, playing bells, etc.

Chintz Moore and wife, Ella, have the name of being the most popular team ever playing the city of Beaufort, S. C. They made many friends in the city. Everybody, both white and colored, regret the departure of the Moores. They say that they can stand more of the Moores at any time.

Booked up until Feb., 1912. I guess that's going some. I closed five weeks at Lagman's theater, Mobile, to take charge of Dixie Park theater, Mobile, as stage manager for the summer season, after which I go back to the old reliable the L. P. Joel Southern circuit, opening in Atlanta, Ga., at the Arcade theater, with Athens, Macon, Augusta, and Beaufort, to follow, with many thanks to the theatrical king, who is a prince and a friend to a permorer indeed. The little fellow with the big feet, Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson.

Burton & Chatman, "The Alabama Rosebuds," have taken on a new part, little Miss Nugent, adancing wonder. The team no wa trio, is known os Burton, Nugent & Chatman. They opened at the Ivy, Chattanooga, Tenn., last week. Had great success. Miss Nugent's "Steamboat Bill" went big. Burton and Chatham did a neat song and dance turn. Closed with buck and wing dancing, taking encores. The boys have been in the business only eight months, but are making good. Others on bill are Nelson & Davis, Clifford Ross, H. S. Wooten and the Southern Quartet.

LAGMAN THEATER, MOBILE, ALA.

Things are in good shape. Crowded house nightly. Gulfport takes them by storm by his singing. Miss Lula Shrith the dainty soubrette, is doing fine. Pugh & Pugh are holding their own. Miss Leala Streight, the singing and dancing artist, is scoring some big hits. Kid Jones sets them wild with his rough and tumble dancing. Garfield McGee takes the house when he sings "At the Gait I've Got at the Present Time It's Hard to Say Where I Will End," his own song. McGee sends best regards to all. Irmie Pugglesy is still at the piano. Mr. Hog does the traps.

SAVOY THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN

The bill of week, March 13th, was a big hit with a new feature act. Denver's Queen City Quartet and Ed Lee, our new producer, presented one of the best dramas that has been seen in Memphis, entitled, "Down in Virginia," supported by the entire company. Mr. J. W. Borwn, Miss Kite Fisher, Mr. Otis H. McDaniel, Miss Stella Harris, Mr. Sam McDaniel, Miss Laura Smith, Billy Mills, Miss Sue McDaniel, Mr. David Perdue, iss Alberta Smiley and Prof. H. P. McGill, who has charge of the music, and has always got something new. The bunch send regards to friends in and out of the profession.

BILLIE MACK

With Hal Hunt's Famous Georgia Minstrels.

Are now playing under canvas at Alligator, Miss. We have played each night to S. R. O. and turned them out with a smile that sounds. Our company consists of ten people, as follows: Prof. Johnnie H. King, pianist; Wilminor Cooke, character and dance man; Grant Corthel, song and dance comedian; Fred Mosley, "The Mississippi Sunshine;" Kid Red, buck dancer; Misses Cordella Benjamin, Lena Turner and Lillie Jackson, singing soubrettes; Mrs. Mary Mack, our singing comedienne and leading lady pleases them all, singing "Stop, Stop, Stop," and "Casey Jones." Billie Mack, leading comedian, stage manager and producer. Have to dodge some to keep from being hit with money, when singing "Alabama Bound." Mr. Hal Hunt, our general manager and owner, always wears a pleasant smile, and the ghost walks without a crutch. Regards to friends. From the Bunch.

ELWOOD C. KNOX SIGNS.

P. G. Lowery Takes Him On—Big Times Ahead.

According to a paper in this office, E. C. Knox is bound up in a contract with P. G. Lowery, of the Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace Shows Combined. By the terms, the party of the first part is to have one continual round of pleasure, free access to the refreshments, to sleep and arise as he chooses, to stay as long as he will. Other conditions quite agreeable to Mr. Knox's inclination are also imposed. He has cheerfully signed and forwards copy back as a record of the good things to be. He thanks Mr. Lowery for the kindly intercession in getting him so well placed. He will hold him ever in grateful remembrance even until the very last days when shows are no more. He promised to live up to all the requirements with great enthusiasm doing everything he can in order that he may secure an early promotion.

WIZARD THEATER, NORFOLK, VA.

We opened this week with a very strong show, as the well known team of Rainey & Rainey, also Bishop Brown, joined us. Still we have Miss Dorsher Styles, Mr. Horace Bynum, Ray Pettegill, Bessie Wilson, Edna Barrett. Dorsher Styles is taking two and three encores nightly singing "Beautiful Rag." Bishop Brown, well boys you got to step some to catch him with his dancing, and little Bessie Wilson is cleaning with sweetness, and the people of Norfolk say there is nobody can sing "Bear Cat Rag" but Edna Barrett. Ray Pettegill is making a hit with "Minor Strain." When Gertrude Rainey sings "Dreamy Rag," and "Barber Shop Chord," and Wm. Rainey put on that song "Woman, Pay Me Now," the house came down. Our manager, Chas. H. Seymour, is all smiles. We have the best hearted stage manager ever handle a stage, and that is that well known comedian and musician, Chas. Happy ewis, and he would like to hear from some good acts can place them at all times. Have the finest house in Virginia. A full orchestra that can play your music and the best of scenery.

OCMULGEE PARK.

On the Ocmulgee River, Macon, Ga. Chas. Collier, Manager.

Messrs. Bob Russell, Billy Owens and Marion Brooks were over from Atlanta Sunday the guest of Manager Collier, looking over the Park theater. Mr. Owens, who has played in every important city in America, claims that he was greatly surprised when he was informed that this beautiful theater and park was for colored people. Brooks says; Just think, twenty-five thousand colored people to draw from. Rusell says: "We'll do our best to give them a show that will please and Collier says, The traction company will furnish the best car service, strictly a car line for colored patrons only. The show is playing at the present time at the Famous theater, Atlanta, Ga. Russell and Owens returned Monday morning and Mr. Brooks remained in Macon to supervise the building of scenery and the publicity department. Park opens April 17. The Freeman is on sale at Chas. Collier's saloon, 619 4th street, five cents.

THE BIJOU THEATER, GREENWOOD, MISS.

Baby F. Seals' bunch of fun promoters is still going some, though it has been a long time since we were heard from. I have been busy completing the upstairs over the theater. It is now fin- Lena, open Monday, March 20th, and Ginger has taken the house for his self and Lena in her stunning costume, was a riot. They were called back until Jack had to come before the footlights and beg for mercy. The Wiggins have just closed a long engagement through Georgia and Florida. Mr. Archie M. Kay, owner of the Royal Palm theater, in Greenville was a visitor and guest of Seals fun promoters Friday, March 17th and says this house has kiven him an idea that he had never thought of. Says the people of his town are running him down for this bunch to play a return date. So we had to promise him we will now split the company and send half of them to the Royal Palm. Mrs. Zenobia Jefferson closed March 18th to join her husband in Atlanta. All of Greenwoods old dfavorites are still here, such as eroy White, the funniest boy in the South. Little Baby Floyd and Little Laurabell Edwards are fussing about who is the smallest. Willie Edwards, Little Slick (the mascot), Joe Winn, Julia Baynham, Harry Bonner (the Black Caruso), and in fact everybody on the show is cleaning up. Baby F. Seals, proprietor and director of amusement, is all smiles.

THE AMUSE THEATER, VICKSBURG, MISS.

The Barrasso Stock Company opened at The Amuse Theater last week to a good business.

Billy Airship, our stage manager, put on the show which was one of the best ever seen in Vicksburg.

The Listons, ave and Virginia, society sketch artists, made a big hit singing "My Heart Has Learned to Love You" and "I'm Going Home."

"Happy" Willie McDuffy put on a dancing act which was well received.

Lewis Hamon, female impersonator, made a big hit.

Osborne and Osborne played rag time to the great delight of the audiences.

Fred Harris made a big hit singing, "Casey Jones."

The Amtes, Billy and Grace, are royal entertainers.

The olio was closed with the act which appeared before the King of England.

The patrons were highly pleased with the show as a whole.

MAJESTIC THEATER, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Fred A. Barrasso, general manager, and Oscar C. Carter, business manager, constitute the business staff of the Majestic Theater, of Hot Springs, Ark.

The headline attraction this week is May and May, better known as "Stringbean and Stringbean." The team has a great reputation, and deservedly so, for Butler May is a great comedian. He displays a great deal of the art of Bert Williams.

The next number on the bill is Cox and Cox, whose act is exceptionally good. Mr. Cox takes the house by storm with his clever dancing.

Next comes the dainty little soubrette, "Sweetie" May, whose singing is above the average.

The closing act is "Happy" Lowe and Lula Hooker. Miss Hooker sings her latest success, Harry Ventiler's great hit, "Say No," which received four or five encores nightly.

The performance is concluded with a good selection of motion pictures, consisting of three reels of films. The attendance is large every evening, and the patrons are well pleased with the shows.

THE RUBY THEATER, GALVESTON, TEX.

A thrilling drama was the principal feature of last week's bill at the Ruby. The company demonstrated its excellent ability. Miss Lila Dunson was the leading lady, and the other parts were well represented by different members of the company.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn, in the role of mother was all the part called for.

Mrs. Toy Chapple, the daughter, was an excellent character.

Jolly Davis as the villain and Mr. Harrison Blackburn as the hero were also much praised by the audiences.

The title of the drama was "The Faithful Vow."

The patrons of the theater were very much pleased.

Silas Green made a great hit in his song, "Up the Road Somewhere."

We are still having crowded houses, and the people are well pleased with the shows given.

Mr. Hoff is well pleased with the work of his company.

Baby Robert Helm will some day be a great trap drummer. His services are now very satisfactory.

Silas Green is stage manager of the Ruby, and C. Hoff is general manager.

THE GLOBE THEATER, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

I want to say just one word about the performers I have had in my house. I cannot speak too highly of the Princess Rajah, the German-African comedienne, who opened at the Globe on February 21. I thought the climax had been reached when she made the most sensational success in her international repertoir, but on the second week's stay she treated the Jacksonville public to one of her own productions, which was even a grander effort than any of the others.

This week she has produced one of the prettiest playlets that has ever been produced on my stage. The title of the act is "Madam Moon," Princess Rajah taking the part of Madam Moon.

J. H. Williams takes the principal male role.

This delightful comic opera in two acts was written (the music included), and the settings and stage scenery designed by the Princess. I never said "No" to anything she asked, for she has treated the people of Jacksonville to something out of the ordinary.

The Princess and J. H. Williams joined hands for life on March 8.

Williams is leaving of his own accord, as I deem him one of my most esteemed producers and stage directors. He and the Princess have some engagements to fill before going East, and they may possibly go abroad.

In conclusion, I will say that J. H. Williams and Princess Rajah will make one of the greatest teams that the colored race has ever had the pleasure of seeing.

FRANK CROWD, Mgr.

PEOPLES' THEATER HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The Burns-Russell Stock Company are offering to their patrons this week the two-act Western comedy-drama, "Arizona Dick" and "Montana Jack," by Sandy Burns, music by Prof. Sam Davis, who is now making Texas his home for the purpose of studying cowboy life, so he will be able to compose Western songs. Prof. Davis is introducing two of his latest songs this week "The Roundup," sung by our funny little comedian, Sammy Russell, and "Texas is My Home," sung by that dainty soubrette, Miss Alma Hughes. "The Roundup" is one of the few Western songs I have heard that have that catchy music to it we call rag-time. Burns and Russell are the same two funny boys, and the people here are certainly enjoying their work. They have an excellent company to support them. They have been here fourteen months. Everyone is pleased so all I can say is "smile on." Kelly and Kelly are the same two, they don't sing very much, but oh, how they can say their lines—they do their share of the work and look for more. Anna May Fritz is with us again after an illness of several weeks, but she has not lost her voice and we are all thankful. Alma Hughes, that tantalizing kid of ours, certainly can sing "Lovey Joe". Oh, yes, last, but not least, Miss Carrie Huff, our prima donna, is some singer and can certainly sing these Spanish songs, and Tommy Hicks he is here too. Pet does anything, good old Chicago boy. Hicks he didn't like the cold weather, so he came to Texas. Prof. avis is our musical director, but he leaves for New York May 1st. Ira Releford is at the traps.

J. C. O'BRIEN'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS ENROUTE

By J. W. Hamilton.

J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels out again for the season of ten months in their Pullman sleeper, Jessie, and his brother baggage car, Jack. Now these cars is a real treat for one to pay a visit and pass through and see how delightful the accommodation is for his thirty first-class performers. We open our doors to the eager waiting public on last Friday night in Argenta, Ark., which was our opening night, and we had all paid admission for both nights to the number of 4,500, which witnessed one of the biggest and best shows ever before the public. Our entire company is good, with hopes high that we will have a record-breaking season under canvas until December. Then this company will go on the road for opera house time. We were given a champagne supper by the Big Four Club last Wednesday evening, and we all enjoyed ourselves until the wee hours of dawn. J. W. Hamilton, one of our premier comedians, sends regards to the A. G. Allen bunch. Hope Kid Wood will soon get off the sick list. Edward Stewart and wife are with us. Would like to hear from Rufus Anderson and also Grace Calher, who is now Mrs. Grace Stewart. She would like to hear from Miss Rosie Scott. Chas. A. Holloway wants to hear from D. W. Batsell, also regards to all friends in the business. D. R. Hull, who was leader of the orchestra with Sells-Floto, season of 1910, now orchestra leader of J. C. O'Brien's Minstrels, would like to hear from Thomas Thompson. Regards to all in and out of the profession.

PASSING SHOW AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Madame Sisseretta Jones and Jolly John Larkins at the Howard—Polk and Polk at Hiawatha—DeMount, Seguin and Britton at the Dabney—Dudley and Aida Overton Walker Coming.

By W. P. Bayless.

Howard Theater.

Last week at the Howard was one of the biggest weeks ever seen at that place from the box office standpoint. The reason for these large and scrambling crowds was due to the fact that the "Black Patti Troubadours" were there presenting a three-act musical comedy, entitled "A Trip to Africa," by "Jolly" John Larkin, who is positively one of the most thrilling funidians of his race. "I am the Great I Am," "Mother's Chile," "Oh, You Lovin' Man," sung by Jolly John Larkins, as Ras Jenkins and King Rastus, made decided hits, each song receiving several encores. The "Boola, Boola Boys and Girls" by the company was rendered very well. Miss Jennie Pearl, as Dinah Green, a teacher, appeored to quite an advantage, getting considerable applaluse each time she appeared. Madame Sisseretta Jones, of world wide fame, is a solo artist who has sustained a reputation second to none for many years and today she is a star and a drawing card wherever she goes.

On the whole the production was brilliant and tasteful. The stage pictures had every advantage that light and color could bestow, yet there was not a single touch of garishness. The young women ofH the company wore beautiful gowns with an air of accustomed ease that made them more alluring to the eye than all the tricks and fantasies a stage milliner could invent. It was a company of actors who drift up and down, around and about, in and off the stage with such steady and varied supply of song, action and smartness that one could easily see that the company was well drilled from "star" to "supers."

The week of March 20, owing to the great success of last week, the management of the Howard arranged with Mr. Voekel, the manager and owner of this great company to remain another week, during which new features will be presented each night.

The week of April 3rd the "Smart Set" will be seen at the Howard for the second time this season. Mr. Dudley opened the season at the Howard and returns by request. This is a three-act musical comedy that differs from its contemporaries in diverse ways and is from the pen of Edwin Hanford, and is entitled "His Honor the Barber." As presented by the famous "Smart Set" company, with S. H. Dudley in the stellar role, makes it one of the real treats of the season. The comedy contains eighteen original song hits, musical numbers and ensembles with brisk and humerous dialogue, funny situations, clever novelties and unique features. Mr. S. H. Dudley is supported by Mrs. Aida Overton-Walker, the clever singing and dancing comedienne, who is quite a favorite in Washington among theater-goers.

Dabney Theater.

The bill at this popular play house consisted of Jeff DeMount, Tillie Seguin, and Sadie Britton. Miss Britton sang "Shaky Eyes" very effectively and danced very acceptably. Miss Seguin, who is in her third week of a return engagement, is still holding her own and bids fair to be in this play house for some time to come—if the management will give her the tip that "she is to remain as long as she makes good." Jeff DeMount played black-face last week, presenting two very funny monologues, impersonating a colored man whose luck came and went, and a colored man who ran because his mule spoke but ran "some more" when his little dog spoke.

Hiawatha Theater.

The motion pictures at the Hiawatha are the great feature. Manager T. Spencer Finley is making quite a reputation for the house by presenting "Feature Pictures" each week. On the bill last week were Polk and Polk. Mr. Polk is an excellent entertainer.

Foraker Theater.

Miss Susie Sutton is still the big scream at this popular amusement parlor. She holds her own with ease and brings forth storms of applause each time she comes out on the boards.

SHOW SHOPS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

By Arthur L. Prince.

Colored patrons were very much surprised a few days ago as they entered the beautiful Park theater where a large sign was hanging near the balcony stairway which read: "This side for coloredd." Not more than twenty colored people witnessed the first performance and in the evening the house was only sprinkled with a few whites. Bright and early the next morning a big sign that was large enough for Blind Tom to read was in front of the theater: "Welcome to all." The manager announced from the stage that some one had placed the first sign there merely to play a joke on him. Concluding he said: My theater is open to everyone, regardless to color.

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AUDITORIUM THEATER,

J. Gibson, Mgr.

Another good bill at this popular vaudeville house. Not a dull moment during the entire performance, and the acts have honors equally divided. Manager Gibson had a smile beginning Monday afternoon and lasted all the week even while at church Sunday night. He had the smile that won't come off. McKenzie and Peat two clever comedians, who recently joined hands, opened the show with fifteen minutes of merriment. Ed F. Peat, who is of the S. H. Dudley type, is a young minstrel and sets a challenging pace for many old-timers and as a buck and wing dancer he ranks among the stars. Charlie McKenzie impersonates Ying Shing, the originator of Chinese comedy. He kept the audience thoroughly interested and amused, and is exceedingly funny in his characteristic way. The act is really qualified for big time. Minnie Brown, the queen of song, rendered several good ones. She has a skyscraping lyric voice, and will have a hearty welcome when she appears on the same stage next week. King and Gillam, two dainty damsels, caught on from the very beginning and the audience admired them both. Miss Gillam sang "The Ideal of My Dreams," and won much favor. Miss King is a dashing soubrete and can dance some, and should wear her chip dress as near as possible the length of her partner. The Kentucky Trio—"Claybrooke, Miller and Claybrooke,"—was held over from last week and as usual was well received. r.M Claybrooke is one of the origina' pickannies formerly with "In Old Kentucky." He played a triple-tongue cornet so'o on the liberati order; the tones were large and bell-like. Miller, the comedian created much uproarious laughter with his bass drum comedy and eccentric dancing and tomfoolery, while Mrs. Claybrooke, who is too charming to be overlooked, played many melodies on an alto instrument, and rendered a beautiful little song; she is also quite graceful as a dancer. The act is a good one, and they do all that could be xepected.

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The Victoria, Orpheum and Happy-Hour theaters are all doing nice business except one, and it is freezing out by degrees. Too bad, but whenever the house becomes dark I will certainly relate. The Quaker City people, a swell as the critics, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the "Smart Set," but it is hoped the critics won't get harmed because you know—oh, well—goodbye.

WHY BERT MURPHY SHOULD BE A COMEDY STAR.

By Sylvester Russell.

There is no emblem so much of a jewel as one that shines. The incarnation of love and beauty is sweet, but the man who can make people laugh without an effort is sweeter in a sense, beautified by the capability of producing wirth by natural causes. When it comes to naturalness Bert Murphy, Murphy & Francis, is about the cleverest comedian of his race in thot direction. He works without effort. He never labors to try to be funny. Nature has endowed him with a personality that offers fun by the bushel or ton at every opportunity. There was but one comedian of Murphy's type who never had to necessarily black up to shovel out fun, and that was the big fellow, Ernest Hogan, the greatest comedian of them all, and Bert Murphy is his successor.

Mr. Murphy is small in stature, not in the miniature class, but just tall enough to look well and dance a great deal. His eyes indicate both intelligence and humor. Have you ever seen Murphy? It's a wonder if you have not. He has played all the big time vaudeville theaters in America, and has so many dates offered him that he don't know which way to turn. He has a contract to go to Germany and is trying his best to cancel it. He has been maded an offer to star in musical comedy under second class management, but won't take it. He has at least two great comedies which he has written for himself that will not be used unless he can produce them in first class theaters. The most unassuming thing about Murphy is that he is not affected with any disease like the "big head." It will probably surprise a lot of actors to learn from the critic that Murphy is the only comedian eligible to become a star who can stage his own production, and who understands all the necessary equipments and requirements of stage-craft as well as the great stors, who have gone on before. Whatever it is that coaches Murphy's nature along into an eclatical state of hieroglyphic efficacy is only revealed in his power to make people laugh with simple domestic material, where other comedians can't. This does not imply that no other comedians are clever; nor does it imply that because he is the second great comedian whose name is Irish that he is a kin to "by-golly." Far from it. He is a second Sambo or Bastus or anything pertaining to the African dispensation.

Once Murphy and Francis appeared on a wonder-elected bill of star headliners for the Mystic Shriners. The bill read Vesta Victoria, Harry Gilfoil and Murphy and Francis. It was one of the most prominent things in the history of big benefits with a program of monstrous proportions, and they said it was Bert Murphy who had lifted the lid and fanned the flame which heated the cold vituals in the stove. Another good yarn is told of Murphy's good nature when not upon the stage. Once William Morris, the theatrical clusterer of all that is sublime in vaudeville, happened in a morose state when words of wit consolement from Murphy brought him cheer and he remarked, "Murphy, I wish I was as happy as you." But this is not a yarn story; it's a tip to managers on the financial possibilities of having Bert Murphy's name on high to twinkle in the clouds, and why? Because Murphy belongs to the happy race that could keep the sad world happy, the one race in which the white man seeks his own happiness to destroy. America should be a happy land instead of a selfish "berg" of false representation. If any manager of the great New York syndicates should ask why Bert Murphy should be delegated to become a star, the answer would be easy, because if the questions were asked: Can he sing, act and dance? Is he well known and has he stage experience? Does he know how to dress? Is he intelligent? Is he a stage producer and has he a good play, and has he a handsome talented leading lady? What is the commercial value of his name; does he draw full houses? And above all is he original? The answer would be yes and Bert Murphy has passed his examination. It is now up to law & Erlanger.

THE SMART SET COMPANY (SOUTHERN)

The company is doing a great business since we have crossed Mason and Dixon. Everybody seems to be happy. Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio have shown the company a great time indeedd, and now we are going into Pennsylvania. Everybody agrees that the atmosphere in these parts is a little more wholesome than in some of the more southerly parts of the country which we have visited. This section sees us with several new faces, which have gone a great ways toward strengthening the company. The following writeup from the Huntington (W. Va.) Herald-Despatch, March 18th, gives the public an idea of the present condition of the company: "The Smart Set," a collection of colored players, is a credit to the colored race, and deserves the patronage of the public."

Mr. Whitney's photograph was secured and placed on the walls of the "Huntington," among many, many stage celebrities. Mr. Whitney should certainly feel honored for the many manifestations of the recognition of his reputation by such men as the manager of the "Huntington," for his is the only face of the dusky hued family among the vast collection.

Among the soloists are Mme. E. L. Bruce, who is improving in her stage manner every day; Misses Mabel Brown, Ethel Marshall and Nettie Taylor; Messrs. S. Tutt Whitney, Homer Tutt, J. H. Woodson; bassos, Frank Jackson, Sank Sims; tenors, J. Frances Mores and J. J. Weaver baritones. The quartet is composed of J. H. Woodson, J. J. Weaver, Frank Jackson and Frank Chapman, and deserves all that can be said of it favorably. Messrs. Vera Davenport and Tillie Cattman, the latter of "His Honor the Barber Co.," are the newest faces.

Miss Mabel is holding her own as leading lady. Mr. Mores has become perfectly at home with "Grafton Smooth;" Miss Mabel Smith is making quite a hit in the part of "Moana."

Mr. J. H. Woodson was indisposed with a very severe cold for an entire week, which caused Mr. Weaver to work overtime, taking Mr. Woodson's solos, etc. Mr. Woodson has got in trim once more though, and everything is working fine.

The Benevolent Order of Kale Lickers is the latest organization among the company, with Mr. J. C. Wright (B.L.) president, H. F. Watterson, vice president; Frank Chapman, secretary; Frank Jackson, booster-at-arms; J. Francis Mores, treasurer; Lawrence Williams (Bus), Froster and A. L. Strouder, J. Homer Tutt and J. Woodson, trustees. The latest rumor has it that the order is bubbling over with financial strength. Messrs. Whitney and Weaver have been made honorary members. Everybody in the compan yis happy when the "Freeman" comes.

LAST WEEK WITH THE SMART SET COMPANY

By Dorothy.

Last week brought to Indianapolis for the whole week the "Smart Set Company" in "His Honor, the Barber," and everybody's wish was gratified. The only objection was that the Smart Set Company always comes during the Lenten season, but many of that faith for fear that something might happen before it came when it wasn't Lent, just "slipped down" in spite of church rules.

Jennie B. Hillman reigns supreme as wardrobe mistress and has the keys to everything, including several hearts.

Ella Anderson makes a charming "Widow Brown," and everybody fell straightway in love with her, the women, too. One white woman admirer attended every performance, bringing different friends, and sent Miss Anderson a box of American Beauties acompanied by a letter of congratulation. And then, too, there was a heart that beat a little faster than usual—a man, a real man, gentleman of distinction.

Ora Dunlop is Indiana's very own product and verybody was proud of her success. Last season was her first and her work was an agreeable surprise. This season shows a vat improvement, the result of ambition, determination and close application to her work. Indiana has given a great number to the stage, and not one as yet has failed, and Mrs. Dunlop is doing her part toward keeping up the high standard.

James T. Brymm, the musical director, is a busy man, playing and directing during the performance, writing music and asking questions between acts. "What are those?"

James A. Harris, the efficient stage manager, still rules with the same kind manner, considerate and encouraging at all times. Not a word of dissatisfaction of him from anybody.

Lizzie Hart makes a very acceptable "Lily White," and is a very dear somebody off the stage. She is so very anxious to be "just right" in her profession. She is a happy bride of a few weeks and "the dearie" was in the audience during the week.

Mrs. Alberta Ormes Dudley is just as busy as when she was here six seasons ago. Every season brings her to us making all kinds of pretty things. No wonder she makes a good reporter in the cast, for newspaper people are always working. Mrs. Dudley can make everything that is dear to the feminine heart and "death" to the male pocket, all kinds of fine sewing and embroidering. Some day when she tires of the stage it can be Madam Dudley, "Fine Lingerie," with trips to Paris at stated times to purchase new stock.

Bessie Asbury Tribble is an Indiana girl by adoption, and five years' travel has not harmed her beauty and good form. Her friends will welcome her home this summer if she will come for a few weeks at least.

"Did he hit you?" "Did he hit me?" "He liked to broke my jaw."

Daisy Brymm is the amiable wife of the popular musical director, but her dream of that home outside the trunk and dressing-room has not come true, and now there are other dreams—trunks and dressing-rooms are plenty good.

Lillian Brown, "the brownie, who has the splendid voice, has developed into the economist among the girls. A splendid recommendation to the matrimonially inclined. Attention Bachelors! Forward march!

Hazel Thompson is one of the little ones that dance and dance, and is a protege of Mrs. Aida Overton Walker.

"Fluffs" the property of Miss Anderson; "Chiceta" belonging to Miss Tasker, and "Boston" to Mrs. Dudley, are so glad that they are "Smart Set" dogs, some class, you know.

Did James Lillard, the "Widow Brown" professional flirt, have an attack of heart trouble while in the city, or was it something less serious? Never mind, your company won't be back to Indianapolis for a long, long time.

William Ramsey was a little indisposed during the Hoosier Capital engagement—a little cold, perhaps, or has somebody been careless again and lost a sweetheart? What makes you do that way?

Will Grundy was a new Captain Dandelion to us and makes a good appearing army officer, and does not lose his courtesy when off the stage. He is very stunning in the white uniform. Uniforms! uniforms! the breaker of many hearts.

Who and why is "Samantha?"

"Did you take the sleeper to East Liberty for the Sunday night concert?"

Miss Hattie Smith, one of the members of the company, was unable to fill the engagement here, having been called to Boston on account of the death of her mother. Accept our sympathy.

Is it possible that Mr. Dudley may some day take the lecture platform when he gets tired of being "I are not he," and "a fortune-teller's son?" And among his subjects may be 'Could you blame him?" and "The passing of opinions."

Lottie Gee, is one of the "wee ones" that dance and is also an understudy of Andrew Tribble, and makes a nosy little Babe Johnson.

Irene Tasker, Miss Anderson's understudy, is one of the faithful, never misses a performance. She still has "Cheta" the present from the same "steady" and the novelty hasn't worn off yet as far as both Checeta and the "steady" are concerned.

Andrew Tribble, the colored Etinge, and is rightly called so. His female impersonations are the very best, for Andrew Tribble leaves all the female impersonations with the female costumes and there is nothing at all effeminate in his real character.

Carrie Johnson, Ida Day, Bertha St. Clair, Jessie Hart, Josephine Lazzo and Rosene Alexander make things lively everywhere that you may find any one of them. They are all good workers making the success of the company.

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James Lightfoot, James Lillard, Harry Watson, Clarence Redd, John Warren, George McClain, Matt Johnson, Harry St. Clair and Robert Williams add to the production, and display good even dispositions.

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HIS HOPES.

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A world of hopes before him spread,
He much enjoyed the view;
But something parted, slipped, or broke
When away out from the town,
And like a comet from the blue
Poor Carl his hopes fell down.
JOHN EDWARD LOGAN.
Chattanooga.

Then there's the "Wizard" Monahan
Had hopes you also know,
Til one Smith, the gunboat man,
Put him off at number four.
—Unknown.

SPORTING NEWS.

The Omaha Giants will be known as the Little Missouri Giants this season. Some very fast ball is expected.

If the Wilberforce football squad for 1911 is as formidable appearing as the likeness of that of 1910 seen in the recent number of the Sodalian, it should be a terror to all opponents.

Waldorf baseball club, open to all comers. Scott Calmese, president; Harry L. Jordan, general manager; Chas. Grant, captain. Office, care Dunbar club, 515 Central avenue, Cincinnati, O. A. B. C.'s preferred.

Dick Garrison, of the Unions baseball team of Pittsburg, Pa., says that the team opened at Cleveland, Aprill 15 and 16. Since been negotiating with the clubs of Ohio and Pennsylvania league with assurance of success.

Although he outclassed Bill McKinnon, a local fighter, it was the opinion of fans of Boston last week that Hugo Kelly, of Chicago, will have to show more class than de did in his twelve-round go last night to aspire to championship honors.

The twenty-round fight between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, scheduled for Paris last week, has been postponed one week. Langford broke training at the time of the last postponement and insisted he must have further time to get into shape.

We are noting that some of the white ball players are giving their experiences as to what they thought were the greatest plays they ever saw. Will be glad to hear from some of the colored players along the same line. Write it plain; make it interesting.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Con O'Kelly, Tommy Ryan's "white man's hope," has started for New York to sail for his home in Ireland, for a three months' visit. O'Kelly is in poor health and his weight has dropped to two hundred pounds. He hopes to re-enter the ring about August.

That Joe Choynski may meet Kid McCoy before Jack O'Brien Philadelphia club became known in Chicago when it was announced that the Chicago boxer had written to Philadelphia Jack, stating the terms under which he would meet the former champion. It is O'Brien's plan to stake a ten-round go. The date will be decided later.

Jack Johnson, the pugilist, is a defendant in the supreme court in a suit brought by Cartiano Sciarrino, a sculptor, of 145 West Forty-fifth street, to recover $4,000 for a bust which Sciarrino said he modeled for the pugilist when he visited New York last September. The sculptor's counsel, S. C. Sugarman, said Johnson was so pleased with his likeness in clay that he placed his autograph on the bust. Johnson, through his counsel, filed a general denial.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—A pronounced reluctance on the part of the witnesses for the prosecution to characterize the nine-round battle between Ad Wolgast and George Memsic at Vernon other than a "boxing contest" or "sparring match" marked the beginning of the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Sidney N. Reeve. The defendants ar Wolgast, Memsic, Tom McCarey, promoter of the exhibition, and referee Charley Eyton. The case was continued until tomorrow.

"Solid bone" is what San Francisco surgeons are saying regarding Jack Johnson's skull. The black champion yesterday submitted to having an X-ray photograph taken of his head, and he broke all records for "thick headedness." It was found that his skull is nearly two-thirds of an inch thick. It took five minutes for the powerful rays to penetrate his head, while the usual time is from five to fifteen seconds. Johnson was at the hospital to see his younger brother, who is threatened with blindness, when it was suggested that his head be X-rayed. He agreed, and greeted the result with his usual expansive smile.

The Dillon Club held a smoker and boxing entertainment last Friday evening. The bouts provided for were a four-round go between Young Fitzgerald and Kid McAuley; Jerry Dalton and Eddie Stout, four rounds; Jimmy Watts and Young Forbes, six rounds; Eddie Webber and Guy Dalton, six rounds, andd Kid Delaney and Kid Stone, six rounds. There was music and other entertainment. The admission was by ticket. Kid Stone was the only colored lad in the bunch. He is doing some pretty clever work; he aspires to the first class.

The following players will represent the Maroons Baseball Club of Cleveland, O., as follows: A. Barks, captain and shortstop; Clay, l.f.; Holliday, p., of Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Newton, 1b.; J. Davis, p.; F. Galiah, 3b., of Chicago, Ill.; J. Burrell, r.f., of New Richmond, O.; C. Ellis, infielder; H. Walker, c.f.; W. Johnson, c.; A. Alledge, c.; J. C. Cole, c.; B. Jones, p.; C. Robinson, p.; and W. Ford, 2b., of Cleveland, O. W. H. VanDusen is treasurer of new organization. He is greatly pleased with the outlook of the team. The Maroons will play at Chicago, Ill., this season being the first club of this city to every play there. Capt. Barks reached Cleveland from Pittsburg.

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JUDGE DECLARES BOXING GENTLER THAN FOOTBALL.

DENVER, Col.—Magistrate Gavin dismissed the charge against Jimmy Gardner of Massachusetts and Johnny O'Keefe of Denver, who had been arrested as the result of their pugilistic contest here Tuesday night. The charge had been brought by the Christian Citizenship Union. Magistrate Gavin said ring contests were not "half as bad as those bull fights commonly referred to as football."

JAP NINE SAILS APRIL 4.

Waseda Team Coming for Clashes With United States Collegians.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The baseball team of Waseda university will sail from Japan for San Francisco on the steamer Manchuria April 4, according to advices received by the Tacoma Maru. The Japanese team will play against the universities of Chicago, Wisconsin, Illinois, Purdue, Michigan and other American college teams.

THE LITTLE MISSOURI GIANTS.

There will be no Omaha Giants this season. The team wil be the Little Missouri Giants. We will start the season with one of the fastest teams in the Northwest. We will open the season the latter part of May. Young Price Terrill will leave Creighton College and go to Excelsior Springs, Mo., for a rest, then he will be in shape to hold down first base. Terrill is the pride of Omaha as a first baseman. We will have a fast infield in Gauchman, Goodall, Hargraves, Terrill and Wright; the pitchers, Jackson, William Rose; outfield, Red Simpson, Hurt. This team will be the successor of the Omaha Giants. C. Terrill, president; W. J. Ford, manager, 1122 Dodge street, Omaha, Neb.

MORE RUNNERS FOR O'LEARY.

Several Indianapolis Sprinters Enter in Amateur Event.

Several more local entries have been received by Dan O'Leary for the amateur event at th international walking and running race at Tomlinson hall, Indianapolis, starting April 3. To date thirty-four entries have been made, but only twenty of these will be alolwed to start.

O'Leary received a letter from Henry Schmehl, of Chicago, stating that Emperor William has offered a fine medal for the winenr of the watch race from St. Petersburg to Berlin. The medal will be gold with diamond settings. Schmehl will be the opponent of a German nobleman in the race and O'Leary will train Schmehl for the contest. The event will take place next summer. The names of the latest entrants for the local amateur event are: James Brown, John Whallon, George Martin, Charles Taggart, Edward Gallagher, Patrick Reagan.

ST. LOUIS GIANTS VS. KANSAS.

City Giants Score in Favor of Former Team, 10 to 3.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MOBILE, Ala.—The St. Louis Giants and Kansas City Royal Giants clashed on neutral grounds, this game being arranged by the local management. The lovers of the game came out in large numbers to witness the exhibition put on by the visiting teams. The St. Louis boys had the best of it, being trained up to good working order and excellent team work and using the willow at opportune times. The Kansas City boys put up a game fight, and after substituting, held theing Washington pitcher, in the fifth inning, held the St. Louis boys down to a few scattered hits. Munger the third baseman of St. Louis team, played a very swell game at his corner, accepting every chance, of seven given him. The feature of the game was the sensational fielding of Joe Scotland, of the Kansas City's, and the fine control of steel-arm John Taylor, of the St. Louis club. Mr. Mills and Mr. Walden respective managers of thes two teams, will give good account of their work before season of ball playing is over. Score of game, 10 to 3, favor of St. Louis Giants. Batteries: St. Louis, J. Taylor and McMurray; aKnsas City, Jackson, Washington and Bolden. Umpires, Turner and Thomas.

JACK LAUGHS AT $30,000.

Offer to Fight Langford—Thinks McIntosh Grafter.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, who is taking life easy at one of the beaches near here, laughs at Hugh McIntosh's offer of a $30,000 purse for him to fight Langford in London.

"McIntosh knows my price," said he. "When I fought Burns at Sydney I took $5,000 and the title. Burns got $30,000. Now, if Langford thinkks he can win the battle from me, let him do as I did, take the small bundle of coin and all the glory.

"I am not in need of money, and am not fussy about fighting, anyway, so if I fight it will be on my own terms. And an American will referee, no matter where the bout is held. Eugene Corri is undoubtedly an able referee, but an American will decided any fight that I go into.

"I am wise to McIntosh. He is in partnership with Langford's manager, and they are going to promote fights in Paris. They can't ring me in. I'll have my own way or I won't fight."

THE GREATEST PLAY I EVER SAW

It seems to me that the great plays that are made in baseball are the ones that come in the critical instant. The players rise to the occasion in the climax of games, or of series, and perfom feats that, under ordinary circumstances, they could not do at all. I have seen men, when keyed up to the highest pitch, do things that would be impossible ordinarily, and I think the greatest was a play by which McElveen, who now is playing with me on the Brooklyn club, won the pennant in the Southern League for Nashville, where we also played together.

The play was made on the last day of the season of 1908. We had been fighting with New Orleans for the pennant, and the race still was undecided on the last day. There was one game to settle the whole year's results.

The score was tied up in the seventh inning, and New Orleans was hitting, and it looked as if they certainly would count. McElveen was playing third base, and I don't think I ever saw a man play as hard and as desperately to save the game as he did that day. In the seventh inning New Orleans got a man on second base, with no one out, and the batter, instead of bunting, took a swing at the ball, hit it on top and rolled it down the third base line slower than if he had bunted it purposely. It looked as if the game was going away right there, but McElveen came sprinting forward as fast as he could run, scooped the ball with one hand and swung as if he was going to throw to first base. There wasn't a chance for him to catch the runner at first base; he was fast, and the hit was so slow it could not be handled unless the baseman had been waiting for it. The runner had come from second at top speed, and was turning third when he saw Mac's arm swing as if to throw to first. It looked as if he could walk home on the throw before I could catch the ball and heave it back to the plate, so he turned third and sprinted for home with the run that seemed to give New Orleans the pennant.

Instead of throwing, Mac swung his arm to the full limit and hung to the ball. He made the play so realistic that I was fooled and was on top of first expecting to catch the ball, when I saw what had happened. The runner was half way home when he discovered Mac hadn't thrown the ball at all and that he was trapped. McElveen ran him up near to the plate tossed the ball to the catcher, who touched the runner out, and shot down to second, driving the other runner back to first, and they failed to score.

The play won the championship for Nashville, as we scored in the next inning, and beat them out of the game.—By Jake Daubert.

BREAKERS WINS CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH FLORIDA LEAGUE.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

PALM BEACH, Fla.—Hoosier lovers of baseball will be pleased to learn the result of the series of games played at Palm Beach, Fla., between teams representing the Breakers Hotel and the Royal Poinciana. These teams were respectively the Leland Giants, of Chicago, with McClellan and Francis, of the Philadelphia Giants, and the Royal Giants of New York. No series of games played here has ever aroused the patrons of the national game as the series just concluded. The Breakers started the season in excellent style and clearly demonstrated their superiority in the first five games. The team then took a slump in batting and as a result found themselves slightly in the rear. With determination they set out to win the pennant, and under the guidance of Sol White, the father of colored baseball, and Rube Foster, present Chicago magnate, they girded up their loins and made a pennant winning race, finishing last Tuesday with a brilliant victory.

The game deciding the series was one long to be remembered. The pavilion was crowded to its capacity with a cosmopolitan crowd seldom seen at any ball park in the country, and not one left their seats until the game was won by the Breakers, score 7 to 6.

The final game played Friday of last week, was exciting to the limit. The Poinciana team, goaded to desperation in their efforts to win and even the series, kicked continually upon the decisions rendered by the umpire, who earlier they had said was the best in the world.

Finally at the end of the fifth inning, with the score 3 to 2 in favor of the Breakers, an argument arose over a close decision at third base. The Poinciana team kicked so hard that several of their stars were put out of the game, and finally the man who holds the indicator, forfeited the game to the Breakers, score 9 to 0. The teams left for a tour of the south and west, playing in New Orleans, Jacksonville and other southern cities.

ROBT. W. BELL,
Secy. South Florida League.

JOE JANETTE IS THE STUMBLING BLOCK BETWEEN SAM LANGFORD AND JACK JOHNSON.

Joe Jeanette appears to be the stumbling block in the path of Sam Langford as he ambles along toward the heavy-weight championship. Langford has long wanted a chance at Jack Johnson, but the latter is not going to give the "Boston Tar Baby" the opportunity to make any reputation at his expense. Johnson has always replied to the challenges of Langford's manager: "Let Sam whip Janette, and then I will talk to him about fight. I had to fight all the men who were put up to me before I got a chance at Jeffries, and it is only fair that Langford does the same thing." The French boxing promoter who owns the biggest club in Paris has been trying to get up a match between Langford, who is now in that country, and Janette, who is about to sail shortly for Europe. Over in France they fight any length of contest the promoters wish to stage, but they prefer finish fights, or bouts that will test the endurance of the fighters to the utmost. The club wanted to have a forty-round battle between Langford and Janette, but the former kicks against the affair going any distance longer than twenty rounds, and for the present at least it looks as if the negotiations for a contest would fall through. From this distance it would appear as if Langford did not relish a long contest with the New York heavyweight. They have met before, and while Langford was awarded the decision, he could not stop Janette, and Joe was fighting harder as the battle progressed, and it has always been the rule with Joe's fighting that he does not weaken, but has a lot of endurance, and when his oppenent gets tired punching him he takes a brace and is a good finisher. Unless Langford agrees to a long fight in Paris, he is sure to lose the admiration of the European sporting men, which he earned so quickly defeating Bill Lang in London. And Sam will have to whip Janette decisively in order to ever get a chance for the ehavy-weight championship against Johnson.—Philadelphia Tribune.

JOHNSON STILL BURNING UP THE STREETS

Hauled Into Court—Sentence Postponed.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, appeared before Police Judge treadwell Thursday of last week and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of speeding his automobile in Golden Gate park and along the Great Highway. In reply to a question of the court, Johnson said he was making sixty-two miles an hour when Policeman Dolan placed him under arrest.

J. M. Burg, auto demonstrator, who was racing with the champion, and who was on trial, corroborated this testimony. After hearing the evidence Judge Treadwell told Lil' Artha that he would take the case under consideration for a few days, when sentence would be passed.

As Johnson was leaving the courtroom he was met by a policeman who served an old warrant on him, one that Chief Seymour held in abeyance for a month to see if Johnson would behave himself. On account of the numerous offenses of this kind committed by the champion, a jail sentence is not improbable.

Those who witnessed the race between Johnson and Burg pronounce it a hair-raising one, with Johnson bringing up the rear all the way, the two racing machines skidding along the curving driveways in the park at a frightful rate of speed, and several times collisions with trees and other vehicles were narrowly averted.

According to the story told by Burg, he was demonstrating a machine for H. A. Hicks, of Louisville, Ky. Just after they entered the park Johnson came along with his racing car and attempted to pass Burg. "I'm a southerner," he testified Hicks said, "and if you let that fellow pass you I'll not buy your car." "I saw the sale slipping by and cut loose," said Burg.

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John Arthur Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, failed to appear before Police Judge Weller to answer to a charge of speeding in an automobile. The case was continued. At the same time another charge of speeding will be called before Police Judge Treadwell against Johnson. Johnson called at police headquarters and asked to see Chief of Police Seymour, who recently held up a warrant for his arrest. He appeared to be disappointed when he learned that Seymour had gone to Sacramento.

THE GREATEST PLAY I EVER SAW

Mordacai Brown made the greatest play I ever saw, and at the same time Ty Cobb and Harry Steinfeldt made plays almost as great on the same ball, so that all three ought to have part of the credit. But Brownie made it—the others only took part.

The play was made in Detroit during the world's series between Detroit and Chicago when I was a Cub. We had the game pretty safe in the fourth inning, 2 to 0, and Brownie pitching great ball. But O'Leary opened the fourth with a hit, and Crawford hit safe, and with runners on first and second and no one out it didn't look so comfortable—especially with Ty Cobb at bat. We knew how fast Cobb was and how he could bunt, and we knew that he would bunt and that a slip or a fumblel probably would beat us. Brownie thought out the play himself. He told Steinfeldt to stick at third base and not to move, no matter what happened, and he refused to pitch high and fast to Kling's signal, insisting on pitching low and outside. Kling knew that Cobb would bunt toward third base and didn't want him to—but Brown did. He pitched fast, low and outside, and Cobb pushed down as perfect a bunt as ever was made, not more than twenty feet toward third and dabout five feet inside the line.

O'Leary had left second base the minute the ball was pitched, and he is a fast man. It didn't look possible to make a play or to get Cobb at first—but Brown had no intention of trying for Cobb; he wanted to get O'Leary. As he pitched the ball Brownie went toward the foul line as fast as he could, not waiting for Cobb to make the bunt, but starting ahead of it to the place where he felt certain the ball would be. He scooped the ball while running at full speed and whirled around like a top and let drive at Steinfeldt, who wasn't more than fifty-five feet from him. I don't think Brown ever pitched a faster ball to the plate than that one. It went like a rifle shot about a foot over Steiny's head, and from the bench it looked as if he had thrown the ball away. Steinfeldt's hands went up, he ducked his head and hung to the ball, and O'Leary was forced out by at least twenty feet.

The play was the fastest and most perfectly made that I ever saw. Every one who had a hand in it played dit perfectly. Cobb, although he failed, would have won ninety-nine games out of one hundred on such a bunt as that; and it was only because Brown knew where he would bunt a certain kind of ball, and knew that Cobb was a perfect bunter, that made it possible. The play was made so rapidly that we who were sitting on the bench hardly realized what had come off until we saw Steiny shove up his hands and catch the ball. It was Brownie's greatest play—and at the same time I think Steiny maded his greatest catch.

The play saved us. If the ball had gone past tSeinfeldt, or if Brown had failed to make the play at all, the world's championship series of 1908 might have been a different story, for although we won the series almost in straight games, Detroit played wonderful baseball all the time and a little luck either way would have turned the whole series.—By Pat Morgan, veteran catcher, Philadelphia Nationals.

THE BEST PITCHER.

Sporting Editor The Freeman:

Who is the best colored pitcher today in the baseball game—Cyclone Joe Williams, Big Chief Bill Gatewood or Frank Wickware?

WM. MOXLEY.
St. Louis, Mo.

RECORDS OF WHITE HOPES.

Willing, But Are They Able?—If He Matches Johnson He Must Come Clean.

What has happened to that luxuriant crop of "white hopes" that bloomed last July 5, the day after Colored Jack Johnson made White Jim Jeffries realize that farming was his trade? Like a bunch of mushrooms, "white hopes" sprung up over night when the announcement came from Reno that Johnson had successfully defended his title against the white giant. Again, like mushrooms, most of the "white hopes" were quickly picked.

But three big white men of any account are left to-day of the score or more that were ready to take up the white man's burden on July 5. These are Al Kaufman, Carl Morris and Jack Lester. That Kaufman is ever liable to give Johnson serious trouble in a fight is not shown by anything in his record.

About Morris little is known. He may be the next white champion, for accounts of his six fights to date say that he has an awful punch—he has won every fight with a knockout—and that he is wonderfully fast, as fast as Johnson, some experts declare.

Less is known of Lester. Tommy Burns is sponsor for this young man, and says he is sure to make good.

The hopes that have gone into the discard, as far as ever being considered as anything but "meat" for Johnson, are: Jim Stewart, Bill Lang, Bombadier Wells, Mr. William Warren Barbour (the amateur), Bill Squires, Gunboat Smith, Con O'Kelly, Ian Hague, Thomas Edward Casey (the Villa Nova College youth), Jack Jones (giant mill worker of western Pennsylvania), Big Al Terry (able seaman in Uncle Sam's navy), Al Benedict, Walter Monohan and Maj. Roderick Mackenzie, who challenged to boost a stunt he was doing on the stage about that time.

There are others who also achieved brief fame by having their pictures and physical proportions printed in their home papers, but the above list is enough to satisfy almost any one.

Here is a brief summary of the happenings to each of the "hopes" named since July 5, when they became hopes:

Al Kaufman—Californian, formerly known as "One Round" Kaufman, 6 feet 1 inch in height, weight 205 pounds, 25 years old; fought Bill Lang, Al Kubiac and Tony Ross. Each fight six rounds, to no decision. Is now challenging Jeffries, seemingly wishing to see if he can trim the Alfalfa King as quickly as did Johnson. Some hope.

Carl Morris—Idol of Sapulpa, Okla., 6 feet 4 inches in height, weight 240 pounds; 26 years old. Has had five fights, four of them with Oklahoma trial horses, one with Marvin Hart. Won each fight with a knockout. Announces that he is not yet ready for Johnson, wishing to gain more experience before regaining the title for the white race. Very hopeful.

Jack Lester—"Tommy Burns' Avenger," 210 pounds; more than 6 feet in his socks. Terrific puncher. Knocked out Pete Muldoon of Seattle in fourth round on January 19. Previously had won two fights over unknown men. Some hope.

Jim Stewart—Weight, 220 pounds; age, about 25; well over 6 feet in height. Badly beaten by Jim Barry on November 16 at Boston; stopped by Jack Sullivan in Brooklyn. Claimed that he twisted his ankle and nearly died as result. Has announced retirement forever. Has hope as an architect.

Bill Lang—Australian. Saw Johnson fight Jeffries. Last fight with Petty Officer Curran in England. Lang lost on a foul. No hope.

Bombadier Wells—Licked by Gunner Moir in England in short fight. Hopeless.

Gunner Moir—Although he beat Wells, he made a poor showing, and was sent to the mat several times. Is in Wells' class.

Con O'Kelly—Big Irishman, who came to this country as a wrestler. Picked up by Tommy Ryan as a "hope." Has shown little and been beaten several times. On January 23 managed to knock out Jeff Madden in four rounds at New Bedford. Ryan alone still thinks he is a hope.

William Warren Barbour—Winner of the amateur heavyweight title and picked by Jim Corbett as a real "hope." Is son of millionaire, and papa says he can never fight as a professional. This robs him of hope.

The others have been named already. About all they have is their names, and that lets them out.

LEADING BASEBALL CLUBS.

The Freeman Will Publish Free a List of the Leading Baseball Clubs Each Week—Managers Get Busy.

101 BASEBALL CLUB—J. E. Denton, manager, 101 Hardman avenue, Macon, Ga.
KANSAS CITY (KAN.) GIANTS—Jack Johnson, manager, 117 W. 6th street, Kansas City, Mo.
ARGENTA GARYS — H. H. Williams, manager, 301-303 E. Washington avenue, Argenta, Ark.
SOUTHERN GIANTS — Jim Houston, manager, Meridian, Miss.
MAJESTIC WHITE SOCKS—W. H. Newton, manager, 137 Central avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.
ALL CUBANS OF HAVANA, CUBA (the Western Team). Nat. C. Strong, business manager, World bldg., New York City.
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Mrs. Bryant Buckner is on the sick list.

Mr. J. D. Howard has returned from Chicago.

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Mrs. Mary Henderson spent a few days last week in Muncie.

Mr. Phillips, of Martindale avenue, is able to be out again.

Mr. Harvey Mason, of Chicago, is in the city for ten days.

Mr. John Morris is seriously ill at his home in Superior street.

Miss Gussie Greene is suffering with a sprained ankle this week.

Mrs. Sarah Brown is able to be up after several weeks' illness.

The revival services of Second Christian church closed last Sunday.

Miss Emma L. Jones has recovered from a two weeks' illness.

Miss Ethel Reece left Thursday morning for Dayton, O., indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClain, of Springfield, Ill., have located here.

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Mrs. Jane Wilburger is ill at her home 215 West Thirteenth street.

Mr. S. B. Floyd was seriously injured Tuesday morning from a fall.

Mr. Fred Jackson, of Dayton, O., is in the city for permanent residence.

The Kenedia Whist Club met with Mrs. Bessie Harris Friday afternoon.

The Sisters of Charity will serve dinner at Fielding's barber shop Sunday.

Little Miss Ethel Haddex is recovering from burns she received recently.

Don't forget the charity ball for the benefit of Lincoln Hospital, May 1st.

Miss Nannie Fisher, of Evanston, Ill., is visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Harriet Craig, of Fort Benjamin Harrison, is spending a week in the city.

Mrs. Hansey Smith entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Harrison left Monday evening for Canada, as maid in a wealthy family.

Miss Minnie Breckenridge made a flying trip to Chicago on business last week.

Carter's Jubilee Singers stopped with Mrs. W. Norman Curry while in the city.

The Young Ladies Club will meet with Mrs. J. H. Tucker next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lottie Goss, of Plainfield, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. S. S. Haddex last Sunday.

Miss Grace Lewis is spending several weeks in Noblesville, Ind., with her parents.

Mr. Robert Johnson left Thursday morning for Champaign, Ill., for the summer.

Miss Bertha Taylor, in Martindale avenue, entertained at cards Wednesday evening.

Mr. G. W. White, of Atlanta, Ga., made a flying trip to this city on business last week.

Rev. T. A. Symthe is attending the presiding elders' conference in Chicago this week.

Clarence W. Roberts, of Philadelphia, passed through the city the first of the week.

Mr. Nelson Williams, of Connersville, Ind., was a guest in the city Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook have returned home after a pleasant winter in Florida.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Clio Thomas in Chicago street, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Florence Finley will render several vocal selections at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Johnson, April 6th.

Mrs. Minnie Brown will visit in Noblesville, Ind., next week with her parents and friends.

Mr. Henry Dunlap will leave Sunday for Buffalo, N. Y., for the spring and summer term.

The Dressmakers Relief Club met with Mrs. Henderson in Alvord street, Thursday afternoon.

The Beautifying Club held a meeting in the parlors of the Dumas Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. S. G. Paris, the Yankee notion auctioneer, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was in the city this week.

The East End Needle Club will meet with Mrs. Patsy Stout, in Blake street, Friday afternoon.

Zion Baptist church Tuesday evening, April 25, under the direction of the Silver Star Concert Company.

Mrs. Norine Franklin, 1315 Yandes street, entertained the Swatiska Whist Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Florence Knox, of Winchester, Ky., attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell Monday afternoon.

Queen Esther Court of Calanthe No. 264, will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening, April 6.

Miss Ethel Lee Wright, a prominent young lady of Cleveland, O., was the guest of friends last Sunday.

The Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Mamie Gardner next Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Nina Mitchell, the talented singer of this city, is on the sick list at her home, 516 West Tenth street this week.

Miss Bessie Jackson entertained the Young Ladies Club with an elaborate four-course dinner Monday evening.

Mr. Otto Locke, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was the guest of his brother, Harry Locke, in Toledo street last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lawson have purchased a beautiful home on North Senate avenue, which they will soon occupy.

Mr. Thomas gave a course dinner at the residence of Mrs. Nancy Black for four gentlemen friends Tuesday evening.

The rally given by the choir of Bethel A. M. E. church was a grand success. A full report will be given in next week's issue.

W. W. Jones, of Norwood, who has been in the city hospital for eight weeks, owing to an injury, is now out again, doing nicely.

Rev. W. I. Rowan will preach a special sermon to the Volunteers of Jones Tabernacle Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. Nathan Wells was buried last Friday from Simpson Chapel in charge of Montgomery Lodge No. 6. Rev. H. W. Tate officiated.

Prof. Dubois gave an interesting and instructive lecture at the Second Christian church Tuesday evening and it was largely attended.

Mrs. Susie Williams, president of Alpha Home, is still confined to her home with rheumatism. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

The Volunteers of Jones Tabernacle met with Mrs. Puryear, 719 Indiana avenue, Wednesday evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Semper Fidelis Club is selling chances for five cents on a set of Rogers silver spoons, and can be bought from any of the members.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Xenia, O., is the guest of Miss Bessie Mack, in Yandes street. Several social functions are planned in her honor.

Mr. Neal Greathouse, of Cincinnati, O., passed through the city Monday, enroute to Chicago, where he will fill an engagement at a local theater.

Messrs. George Brady, Harry Logan and John Rankin, of Chicago, spent Sunday in this city as the guests of James Wilson, enroute to Nashville, Tenn.

The dinner served by the ladies of South Calvary Baptist church at Fieldings barber shop was patronized by a large number of persons last Sunday.

The musicale given by the Mt. Bethel Lodge No. 4 American Doves of Protection, Wednesday evening at the Dumas Club, was an enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Helen Brooks was taken suddenly ill while shopping in the downtown district Monday morning. She lies critically ill at her home in Bright street.

The Rose Bud Needle Club was entertained at the residence of Mrs. James Swope, 514 West Tenth street, by Mrs. Henry McCormick, Friday afternoon.

Mr. John Gau departed for his home in St. Paul, Minn., after spending several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cecil, in Roosevelt avenue.

Mrs. J. Hamilton Tucker, city editor of the Freeman, will attend a reception given in her honor by Miss Anna Gribbin in Marion, Ind., next Friday afternoon.

The following persons are in attendance at conference in Springfield, O.: Rev. H. W. Tate and wife, Rev. Chas. Jones and Superintendent Skelton and wife.

Large crowds of young people are attending the Epworth League on Sunday evenings at Simpson Chapel. William Henderson will be the speaker tomorrow.

Mr. James M. Johnson, formerly of this city, now traveling route agent for the J. E. McBrady and Co., of Chicago, was in the city appointing agents this week.

The Starlight Gleen Club held an entertainment Monday evening at the new Pythian Hall, which was largely attended, and was socially and financially a great success.

Messrs. Arnie and Elvis (Slim) Mason entertained at supper Wednesday evening of last week at the home of the latter, in honor of Prof. R. Roy Pope, of Indianapolis.

Mr. James Jackson, who was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago, remains the same at this hour. His son, Chas. Jackson, of Seattle, Wash., is at his bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rankin entertained a number of friends Monday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. LoganPearce, of Savannah, Ga., who have been visiting in the city for the past two weeks.

The concert given at Bethel church Wednesday evening for the benefit of Lincoln Hospital, in which the Carter Jubilee Singers apeared, was greeted by a large audience, who felt fully repaid for attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradshaw wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Blanche Mae Scott, to Lafayette M. Jefferson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jones, at Richmond, Ind., on December 13, 1911.

Misses Bernice Glass and Estella Wing, of Evansville, Ind., were the guests of honor at a four-course luncheon served by Miss Mamie Washington Thursday afternoon at her home in West Twelfth street. Eighteen young ladies were present.

Master Earnest Wright was tendered a surprise in honor of his fourth birthday Tuesday afternoon. Fourteen of his playmates made him very happy by bringing him many nice presents. Dainty refreshments were served to the jolly little party.

Mr. Fred D. Owens, formerly of Indianapolis, who has been studying music at Chicago the past year, will come to the city next week. Mr. Owens will be a member of Prof. R. Roy Pope's Annex Concert Band with Ringling Bros. Circus the coming season, playing baritone.

Prof. George Ayres, musical director, at the Houston theater, Louisville, Ky., entertained Thursday evening of last week at supper, complimentary to Prof. R. Roy Pope, director of Annex Concert Band, of Ringling Bros. Circus. Mr. Walter E. Hinson, member of the Annex Band ,and Mr. John Wickliffe, trap drummer at the Houston.

The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris Mitchell were held Monday afternoon at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. Frank, of Louisville, Ky., gave the discourse. The services were in charge of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of the state. A special car of fifty persons from Muncie of which city she was president of the city federated clubs, attended in a body.

In the death of Mrs. Viola Clark, which occurred last Friday morning at her home where she was fatally burned, the city sustains a great loss. Mrs. Clark was widely known, especially in club circles, being an active member of the Research Club. The funeral services were held in this city Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Herod officiated. The remains were taken to Oberlin, O., where the burial took place at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Freeman deeply sympathizes with the family.

A banquet was given under the auspices of the aid societies, Brotherhood and Epworth League of Simpson Chapel M. E. church for their pastor, Rev. Henry W. Tate, D.D. Rev. D. E. Skelton was the guest of honor. Hon. G. L. Knox acted as master of ceremonies. The program, which was prepared by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, the president of the Epworth League, was very interesting. Rev. Harvey, of Allen Chapel, made the opening address; invocation by Rev. J. L. Thompson, of the C. M. E. church; addresses were given by Rev. H. L. Herod, of the Second Christian church and Atty. J. T. V. Hill. Revs. Tate and Skelton responded to all. The lecture room was beautifully decorated in colors, and the table with carnations. The Rev. White, of Shelbyville, Ind., attended the banquet, and delivered an address. The choir furnished the music. Rev. Tate was presented dwith a suit of clothes, which was highly appreciated.

PHILLIP'S CHAPEL C. M. E. CHURCH.

Drake and West Streets.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Union service with Simpson Chapel, Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Communion at Phillips Chapel, 3:30 p. m. Rev. T. H. Copeland P. E., will preach. Dr. T. A. Smythe will assist. Love feast Friday night. Musicale Monday night, April 3.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

Despite the inclement weather last Sunday, services at Bethel were well attended, both morning and evening. In the morning the pastor preached from the subject, "What Is It to Be a Christian?" In the evening the subject was, "An Almost and an Altogether Christian." The Christian Endeavor prayer meeting was led by Mrs. Gilliam. Monday evening a large number of men assembled to take steps toward giving a Men's Interdenominational Banquet. Dr. Smythe will preach tomorrow morning and evening. It will be the trustee's rally. Mrs. B. Porter will lead the C. E. prayer meeting. All are invited.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The first of the series of Confidential Talks to the members and their friends, which will be held during the month of April, will occur Sunday, April 2, at the Association building, on West North and California streets, with Dr. C. R. Atkins as the speaker. These talks are of moral interest to every man and no man should miss them. Musical selections by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra. Program begins promptly at 4 p. m. Sunday morning at 8 a. m. the Bible class will begin its Sunday morning sessions. The class will meet for one hour only, and open to all men, irrespective of belief or church affiliation. This is a splendid opportunity for men to meet and study the Bible. The class will make a special study of the noted Biblical characters under the heading of the "Men of Steel." A new leader each Sunday. Atty. R. L. Brokenburr will lead Sunday, April 2. Abraham will be the first of the characters of the Men of Steel to be discussed.

The Basket Ball Tournament goes merrily on. Monday, April 3, the general public will be admited. Admission 10c will be charged. Season ticket, 25c. good for all games. The tournament closes April 27, and games will be played every Monday and Thursday until the above date. Come out and give the boys encouragement by your presence. Games are called at 8 p. m.

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The inclement weather had its effect on the attendance last Sunday, yet the services were helpful and enthusiastic. A splendid and inspiring sermon by the pastor in the morning, whilst our young aspirant to the ministry, Bro. Chas. Poole, delivered a commendable discourse at night. His text: "Standd Still and See the Salvation of the Lord," beautifully treated. Both sermons were well received. Interest in the Sunday school still increasing, spiritually, financially and in attendance. Class No. 6 received the banner. Mothers and fathers are again urged to send their children to Sunday school. A splendid opportunity for bible instructions awaits them. Preparations are being made by the entire school for their Easter exercises on Easter morning. The chorister of the choir is sparing no pains toward a special program to be rendered by the choir on Easter. Full particulars later. B. Y. P. U. services were nicely attended. Manifestations by the young folks are gratifying. One of the best ways to grow in grace or to demonstrate your love to the pastor, church and cause: attend prayer meeting on Thursday evenings.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

(By A. C. Oglesby.)

Special to The Freeman.

The twenty-seventh annual celebration of the Knights of Pythias was held at the Second Baptist Church Sunday. Sir A. W. Lloyd is Grand Chancellor of this jurisdiction. The day was ideal for the occasion and the attendance was large. The program this year was better than ever. J. P. Maynard, Chancellor Commander of the day, made a hit when he saidd that twice had the lodges been on time. R. W. Foster was master of ceremonies, and Mr. M. U. Cox was Marshal. Rev. W. H. Peck, of Allen Chapel, delivered the sermon, and it was a masterpiece in every respect. The musical program was well rendered....Prof. R. T. Coles, of 1227 Vine street, is sick....A. L. Brown, the shoe shiner of the Baltimore, is back at his old stand after a spell of sickness....Mr. George Lanford, of Louisville, Ky., is at the Baltimore Hotel....Mrs. Maude E. Greer, of 2410 Flora street, is recovering nicely from an operation at the Perry Sanitarium....Mr. Fred Davis is sick.

TYLER, TEX.

Mr. George Wilson, a popular barber of this city, made a business trip to Waco last week. Mr. Wilson reports that he had a good old time....Prof. W. H. S. Seals closed his school last Friday.... East Texas Academy is getting along fine. Prof. T. V. McClellan is the principal here and all of the students love him dearly....Rev. Jesse Starks is one of the most successful young ministers in the C. M. E. church....The trees are budding and the weather is warm and the people of Tyler are beginning to sing the good old spring days have come. ....When you are hungry please go to B. Roberson & Son. They are right and will treat every one the same way. ....Please do not forget that the Freeman is 20 cents a month, payable at the front end of each month.

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